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- A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION -

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

GRAPE FESTIVAL GRUUNDS

LUDI, CALIFURNIA

COMMITTEES:



JANUARY 30, 1981

MINUTES

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO URDER BY OUR OUT-GUING PRESIDENT, WARREN SUCKOW AT 1:40 AM. IN ATTENDANCE WERE; THE FIRST LADY; NUBIA SUCKUW, CLUB DIRECTURS; --ERNEST & EDNA NEWHOUSE, ELGA & HILDA GREEN, RUMA & MARIUN SMITH, ED & FRAN U'MARA, BARR & THELMA MUSSER AND IN-CUMING DIRECTUR, THREASA VANDERSTEEG. ALSU PRESENT WERE; WAGUNMASTER, MEL DINESEN AND SECRETARY, NURM JUHNSUN.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE ACCEPTED, AS CURRECTED -- IE: "THE EMU RALLY WAS NOTED AS UCT. 13-16,1981 -- SHOULD HAVE READ -- AUG. 13-16,1981"

THE TREASURER'S REPURT: WAS GIVEN BY EDNA NEWHOUSE AS FULLUWS;

\$ 1,080.88 PREVIOUS REPURTED BALANCE 2,622.78 RECEIPTS 2,517.93 DISBURSEMENTS 1,185.73 PRESENT BALANCE (AS OF 1/26/81)

SAVINGS BALANCE (2 ACCOUNTS)

\$ 1.500.00

THE REPURT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

THE WAGUNMASTER'S REPURT: WAS GIVEN BY MEL DINESEN AS FULLUWS; AT MEETING TIME, 27 VEHICLES WERE PRESENT. (24 ULTRAS + 3 BRAND-X) 16 'EARLY-BIRDS! ARRIVED ON WED. (1/28), FULLOWED BY 10 ON THUR. AND I MORE THIS MURNING. THE FINAL COUNT SHOULD BE "IN" BY GENERAL MEETING TIME, TUMORROW. THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN EQUALS = 22 CALIF., 2 ARIZ. AND I EACH FROM ORE., UTHA AND MUNTANA. ONE GUEST IS PRESENT; GEORGE RAKUUS (#342) WAS ACCUMPANIED BY HIS FATHER, FRANK RAKUUS.

NEW BUSINESS: THE NUMINATING COMMITTEE REPURTED THE FULLOWING;

PRESIDENT . . . MEL DINESEN (#200) 1981 OFFICERS;

VICE PRESIDENT... BUB FRANZ (#472) SECRETARY...NORM JUHNSUN (#273) PALT. VICE PRES... BILL VANDERSTEEG (#525) TREASURER...RUMA SMITH (#298)

3 YEAR DIRECTURS; (WESTERN) WARREN & NUBIA SUCKUW (#331) - HERB & BLANCH ELKINS (#239)

ARNULD & EDNA STEENBURG (#507)

3 YEAR DIRECTURS; (EASTERN) GILBERT & MELVA CUEN (#503)

REGISTAR...MILLIE DINESEN ASST.REGISTAR...RUBERTA FRANZ

ERNEST NEWHOUSE (PUSTS CRIPTS) NEWSLETTERS: MURY SNYDER (TECH-REPURTS)

(OTHER DIRECTURS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS - UNCHANGED AT THIS TIME)

MEL DINESEN & ELGA GREEN ARE FIRMING UP THE DATE & SITE FOR THE WMU APRIL RALLY AT LAKE ISABELLA, CALIF. (A FLYER WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEWSLETTER).

TUM SHEPARD ET AL ARE GETTING SOMETHING TUGEATHER FUR JULY NEAR PURTLAND URE. THE 'NATIONAL RALLY' AT VALLECITU RESURT, NEAR DURANGU, CULU. IS BEING FIRMED UP FOR SEPT. 16-20,1981 BY AL & VIRGINIA LYLES.

A MUTIUN WAS MADE & SECUNDED TO FLOOR & DISCUSS DATES & SITES FOR 19823'S RALLY SCHEDULING -- BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP AT TUMURRUWSS GENERAL MEETING!!! --

THE MEETING WAS ADJUURNED AT 11:55 AM



- A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION -

GENERAL MEETING

GRAPE FESTIVAL GROUNDS

LUDI, CALIFURNIA



JANUARY 31, 1981

MINUTES

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO URDER BY OUR OUT-GOING PRESIDENT, WARREN SUCKOW AT 2:10 PM. HE BID A WELCOME TO ALL THE ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO EXTENDED A WELCOME AND INTRODUCED SEVERAL GUESTS; -- FRANK RAKOUS, FATHER OF GEORGE RAKOUS -- (#342), ACCOMPANIED GEORGE ON THIS RALLY. (FRANK, RECENTLY RETIRED, WILL BE "88" YEARS YOUNG IN FEBRUARY) ELGA & HILDA GREEN (#294) INTRODUCED THEIR DAUGHTER AND HER HUSBAND, WALTER & EDNA NUSS. THE HELANDERS (#459) INTRODUCED THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER, PAM PFIFFNER & HER BOYFRIEND VISITING FROM SCOTLAND, BRUCE.

THANKS WERE EXPRESSED, FULLOWED BY A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, TO THE SPUNSORS, HOSTS AND CU-HUSTS OF THIS RALLY; -- "DEE" & RUTH MUSELY (#544), MORY & ESTER SNYDER (#489)

AND BOB & RUBERTA FRANZ (#472).

NEW MEMBERS, FIRST TIME ATTENDING WERE INTRODUCED: JERRY & JUDY MCCOY (#414) &

THEIR TWO CHILDREN -- ONE AGE FIVE AND ONE LIL'-UN, 'STILL ON THE BUTTLE'

ALL JOINED IN SINGING "OUR" SONG -- "THE SPIRIT OF ULTRA".

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SAVINGS BALANCE (2 ACCOUNTS) \$ 1,500.00

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

THE WAGUNMASTER'S REPORT: WAS GIVEN BY MEL DINESEN AS FULLUWS; (REVISED & UPDATED AT 4:30PM, WITH THE LATE ARRIVAL OF FRED & ELEANOR LEARY, DELAYED BY "SNUW-CLOSED" HI-WAY OVER DONNER PASS) 31 VEHICLES ARE PRESENT. (27 ULTRAS PLUS 4 BRAND-X) THE STATE COUNT = 25 CALIF., 2 ARRIZ., 2 OREGON AND I EACH FRUM MONTANA & UTAH. -- THE L-U-N-G-E-S-T 'TRAVELED-TO-ATTEND' WAS ALBERT & MARTHA HOFFMAN AND THE SHORTEST WAS DUR HUSTS, "DEE" & RUTH MUSELEY.

JAN. 1982 VALLEY OF THE SUN (PHOENIX, AZ.) WARREN SUCKOW INVESTIGATE
APR. 1982 (OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS)

JULY 1982 B.C.CANADA AREA RYERSUN'S TU INVESTIGATE
SEPT--UCT. 1982 'NATIUNAL RALLY' -- (???) EMUS TO HUST.

EMU RALLIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ATTACHED MEETING MINUTES /UR FLYERS.

GEN. MEETING; LODI, CAL. (CUNTINUED)

CURRECTED RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 1981 IS AS FULLUWS; (JUST CUMPLETED) 1/29- 2/01 GRAPE FESTIVAL GRUUNDS - LUDI, CAL. WMU 3/25- 3/29 ARCADIA-SARASUTA, FLA. "RULLIN" FUN-SHINE RALLY" (DEC. NEWSLETTER) EMU (FLYER ENCLUSED) 4/30- 5/02 LAKE ISABELLA, CAL. - CAMP #9 (JUNE?) WASHINGTON D.C. AREA WMU (DETAILS ?) EMU (DETAILS ?) (JULY?)) PURTLAND, URE. AREA WMU 8/13- 8/16 POUR FARMER S CAMP SITE - FLUSHING, UHIU (DETAILS ?) (WMU TU HUST) NATIONAL 9/16 VALLECTU RESURT (FLYER IN AUG. NEWSLETTER) RALLY TO 9/20 IS MI. N-E / DURANGO, CULU. REPURT UN DIRECTUR'S MEETING: WAS GIVEN BY ELGA GREEN AS FULLUWS; VICE PRESIDENT....BUB FRANZ (#472) SECRETARY......NURM JUHNSUN (#273) ALT. VICE PRES....BILL VANDERSTEEG (#525) 7. TREASURER.....RUMA SMITH (298) 3 YEAR DIRECTURS; (WESTERN) WARREN & NUBIA SUCKUW(#331) - ARNULD & EDNA STEENBURG(#507) - HERB & BLANCHE ELKINS(#239) 3 YEAR DIRECTURS: (EASTERN). GILBERT & MELVA COEN (#503) CUMMITTEES: REGISTAR . . . MILLIE DINESEN ASST. REGISTAR . . . RUBERTA FRANZ WAGUNMASTER . . . MEL DINESEN ASST. WAGUNMASTER . . . MURY SNYDER NEWSLETTERS . MURY SNYDER (TECH-REPURTS) ERNEST NEWHOUSE (ULTRA PUSTSCRIPTS)

ERNEST NEWHOUSE PRESENTED TWO MEMBERS WITH THEIR "TOU, DOU MILE" PINS; THEY ARE MORY SNYDER (#489) AND LEN RYERSUN (#513). THEIR CU-PILUTS, ESTER SNYDER & EDY RYER-SUN SHARED THE 'CENTER-STAGE' DURING THE PRESENTATION.

BEFURE CLUSING THE MEETING, WARREN SUCKUW PRESENTED THE "GAVEL" TO MEL DINESEN TO START HIS YEAR AS PRESIDENT. MEL ACCEPTED HIS ASSIGNMENT AND THANKED WARREN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP FUR THE PAST YEAR.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

CONDULENCES WERE EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP FUR THE LUSS OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS; DR. ULIVER FEARING, RUTH DEATHERAGE AND DURTHY YAKEL. . . . UUR SYMPATHIES GU OUT TO; DURTHEA FEARING, BEN DEATHERAGE AND HENRY YAKEL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJUURNED AT 3:25 PM.

NURM JUHNSON - SECRETARY

BADGES ... ELGA GREEN

THE GIFT DRAWING WAS HELD AFTER THE CLUSING OF THE MEETING.

LEGISTATIVE ... DICK BAKER PUBLICITY ... TED KULLAR

SUPHIA MATHEWS WUN THE "GUESS-NUMBER-MUTHBALLS-JAR" -- GUESS= 203 (COUNT= 204)

MEL DINESEN WUN THE "SUPER-BUWL" REPLAY. \$25 TO HIM -AND- \$25 TO THE CLUB COFFERS.

HOST'S REPORT ON LUDI, CALIF. -- JANUARY 1981 -- BY "DEE" & RUTH MUSELEY

LUCATION & DATES: LUDI GRAPE & WINE FESTIVAL GROUNDS; JAN. 29,30,31 & FEB. 1, 1981

THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS WERE SURVEYED IN UCTUBER BY THE MUSELEY'S FOR A "LAST-MINUTE" PLANNED RALLY. FINDING THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE, WE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED ERNIE NEWHOUSE UF THE RATES & DATES. C OF C MATERIALS, DATA & MAPS WERE FOREWARDED TO ERNIE, THAT HE MIGHT GET-TUGEATHER A "FLYER" FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER.

WE THEN MET WITH THE CU-HUSTS, THE SNYDERS & THE FRANZS UN THANKSGIVING DAY AND AGAIN UN JAN. 6TH. WITH MR. G. STEWART, MANAGER OF THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS AND WE SURVEYED THE SITE. WE THEN AGGREED ON WHICH RESPONSIBILITIES EACH OF US WOULD TAKE IN PUTTING TOGEATHER THE NEEDS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RALLY.

THE LUCAL MERCHANTS CAME FURTH WITH; 60 BALL-PUINT PENS, 40 LUDI MAPS, MATCHBOOKS, GOLF TEES & LENS-WIPES. ALL ITEMS WERE PASSED OUT DURING REGISTRATIONS. ANITA TEFFT DUNATED THE "LUGO" FOR THIS RALLY; A "TAX-SHELTER" (SPECIAL THANKS, ANITA.)

OTHER PRIZES WERE PICKED UP INCLUDING; WALNUTS, LIMES, URANGES, GRAPEFRUITS, ETC.
THREASA VANDERSTEEG SUPERBLY HANDLED THE CUFFEE MAKING CHURES WITH THE ASSISTS OF MANY
OF THE LADY-ULTRAS, INCLUDING THE USUAL "HUME-MADE GOUDIES" MEL DINESEN BROUGHT THE
"BOUND-MUCHO" GRAPEFRUIT FROM BAKERSFIELD.

FIVE 'EARLY-BIRDS' ARRIVED ON WED, 1/28 - DURING THE DUWNPOUR, AS "DEE" WAS PUT-TING UP THE 'ULTRA DIRECTION SIGNS' -- AND BY SUNDOWN THERE WERE 8 RIGS ON THE SITE. ABOUT 6:00 PM., 8 MORE CAME IN - IN CARAVAN STYLE, FROM BAKERSFIELD, WHERE THEY HAD MET THE PREVIOUS DAY AT THE DENESENS. FINAL COUNT, "EARLY-BIRDS" = 16.

UN THUR. 1/29 -- IU MURE RIGS ARRIVED. THE MEETING HALL WAS QUICKLY DECURATED &
THE CHAIRS & TABLES WERE ASSEMBLED. THE BULLETIN BUARD WAS SET-UP AND THE SCHEDULES WERE
PUSTED. THE USUAL "CUFFEE BREAKS" -- "TECH-SESSIONS" -- "FINANCIAL SEMINARS" -- "FUN &
GAMES" -- "LADIES CRAFT SESSIONS" -- "DIRECTUR & GENERAL MEETINGS" -- "ALASKAN TRIP / SLIDE
SHOW, BY THE HUFFMANS" -- "FRIDAY'S / MAID'S NITE BUT; A 7 COURSE CHINESE DINNER" -- "SATURDAY'S / EVENING PUT-LUCK DINNER" -- -- AND A GENERAL "GETTING TUGEATHER AND MEETING
UF BLD FRIENDS! (THE POT-LUCK TURNED BUT TO BE A BANQUET)

THE RESULTS OF THE FUN & GAMES WERE; MEL DINESEN WON THE "SUPER-BOWL REPLAY" -NETTING HIMSELF \$25 (PLUS \$25 WENT INTO THE CLUB'S COFFERS). SUPHIA MATHEWS WON THE -"GUESS HOW MANY CANDY MALTED MILK BALLS" WERE IN THE GLASS DECANTER JAR. SHE WON THE
CANDY & THE JAR AND THE CLUB NETTED ABOUT \$3.25 (HER GUESS = 203 / COUNT = 204.

BY FRIDAY THERE WAS 29 RIGS ON THE SITE. ONE NEW MEMBER ON THEIR FIRST-TIME RALLY, WAS JERRY & JUDY MCCOY AND THEIR 2 CHILDREN; ONE AGE 5 AND ONE "BABE-IN-ARMS" THEY RE-CEINTLY PURCHASED #414 FROM GEORGE HOUGH (THE RIG WITH THE WOOD-BURNING STOVE).

BY SATURDAY THE FINAL SHOW-UP COUNT WAS 31 RIGS (WITH THE LATE ARRIVAL OF FRED & ELEANOR LEARY - THEY WERE DELAYED IN GETTING OVER THE SNOWED-IN DUNNER PASS, FULLOWING THEIR DETOUR' ROUTE FROM OREGON 'VIA' - SPARKS, NEV.) -- BREAKDOWN OF RIGS ATTENDING: 27 ULTRAS + 4 BRAND-X. STATE BY STATE COUNT: 25 FROM CALIF., 2 EACH FROM ARIZ. & ORE. I EACH FROM UTAH & MUNTANA. THE LUNGEST DISTANCE TRAVELED TO ATTEND WAS THE HOFFMANS FROM MULF POINT, MONT. THE SHORTEST DISTANCE; WAS THE MUSELEYS, LODI, CALIF.

THE MUSELEYS ENJUYED "HUSTING" THIS RALLY AND WISH TO EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO THEIR "CU-HUSTS" -- MORY & ESTER SNYDER AND BUB & RUBERTA FRANZ FOR THEIR SHARE IN HELPING.

ALSU A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERSHIP THAT SHOWED UP. YOU'RE THE GREATEST GROUP OF R-Vers IN THE WORLD..... U-L-T-R-A-I-T-E-S !!!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DURANT "DEE" & RUTH MUSELEY

(a) of Kuth Moseley

P.S. NOTE: (LATE INFORMATION) - FRAN O'MARA (#295) HAS A SUGGESTION FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE LAKE ISABELLA RALLY (4/30) -"LADIES CRAFT SESSIONS" ... BRING ALONG; TWO WASH-CLOTHS. TWO HANKS / RUG YARN AND A RUG YARN NEEDLE.

ULTRA MOTOR COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY

AT

LAKE ISABELLA

DATE: APRIL 29, 30 & May 1 & 2... COST: Registration Fee Only.

We will park our ULTRAS at CAMP # 9 beside the lake.

If fishing is your thing, Come early with your fishing pole and bait (License Required). Maybe we can catch enough fish to have a fish fry on Friday evening. So bring some Charcoal Briquets for the open fire pit.

If you don't care to fish, How about some hiking around the lake or just relax and visit.

This is a Wilderness Rally. So, NO HOOK-UPS. There is a dump station nearby. I'm not sure about the fresh water, So it may be a good idea to come with a full tank of fresh water.

Bring your chairs and tables, and wood for the campfire. If you want to roast Marshmallows be sure to bring them too.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE::: Be Sure To Check The Bulletin Board Daily.

THURSDAY ... Register and enjoy yourselves.

FRIDAY ... 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour.

10:00 A.M. Ladies Crafts... Men Teck. Session
1:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting.
5:00 P.M. Fish Fry, If the fish co-operate.. Ladies bring a salad or a dessert. If no fish, We'll be on our own.

> SATURDAY ... 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour 2:00 P.M. General Meeting

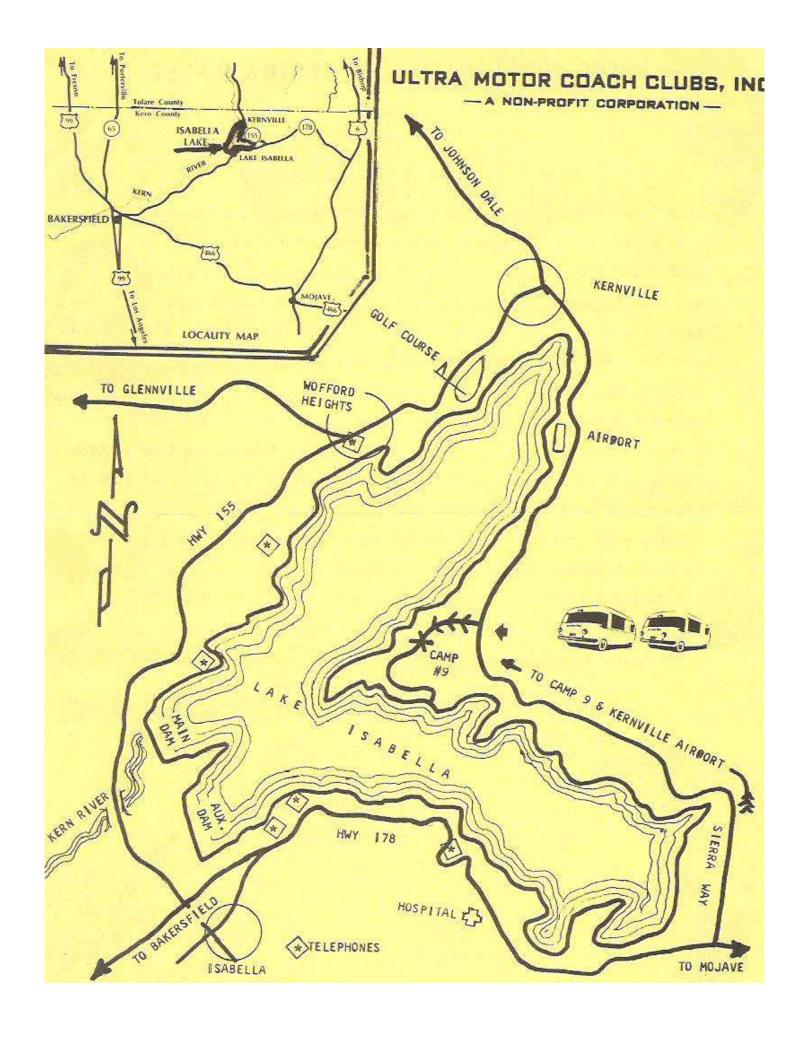
SUNDAY.... 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour 10:30 A.M. Church Services.

Safe Traveling for one and all.









ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ****

By Ernest Newhouse

February 1981

"Oh, come with old Khayyam, and leave the Wise - to talk; One thing is certain, that LIFE flies; One thing is certain, and the Rest is lies; The FLOWER that once has Blown, for ever dies." - Omar Khayyam

DID YOU NOTICE: 'There were five (5) brand-new families joining the club just this past quarter-year (see Treasurer's Report page). At that rate, if it is continued, the club would grow by twenty new families per year! Evidently there are still many Ultra Coach owners who do not know that there is an organization that exists just for them. If every member would make a special effort to inform "stray" owners, we could soon have a much stronger, more effective organization. Here is wishing each new family a hearty WELCOME to membership in Ultra Motor Coach Clubs, whether Eastern (EMU), or Western (WMU) members of Ultra. The club exists to be of help to you.

PARKINSON'S LAW: "Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion."

CHRISTIAN: My good friend and prolific free-lance writer, Stan Christian, visited at our home awhile back. He founded and edits the "SNOWBIRD NEWSLETTER" which is a most interesting and unique publication...You perhaps have read, too, his articles in some of the travel magazines. My thinking is that many of our club members might like to subscribe for the ideas and money-saving tips each huge issue contains. For a free sample copy, you can send a 25¢ coin to cover postage and handling, to SNOWBIRD, box 937-UL, San Jacinto, Calif. 92383. Stan is a great guy and whether you are a "Robin" (round-robin full-timer) or a "Snowbird" (south for winters), or just an occasional outdoor Ultra Motor Home enthusiast, I believe you will be surprised and pleased with what you will get for a quarter. Like myself, you may not want to miss a single future issue.

BILL MOE #445: At the Kansas National Ultra Coach Convention, many of us reinspected Bill's Ultra since it is unique in many ways...full Bucket Seats, re-designed rear, front wheel drive, etc. At his home in Stillwater, he completely removed the old fiberglass and metal fabrication...entire back end, then attached new aluminum cut-sections riveted together to give an entirely new and unusual freshley-styled EXTERIOR. The final result gives walking headroom clear to the back inside also. There are photos that I shot of his handiwork when his coach was at the Missouri National Rally. Several are in the Club Scrapbook for those interested.

ERNIE'S LAW: It is an obsession with me that whenever I learn about anything good, I want to pass it on to all of YOU. Many others in the club feel the same. From comments I've heard, I guess no one objects to that KIND of an obsession. Along that vein...regardless of one's financial position, it is always nice to learn of some new way to cut down on grocery costs. Save a little bit here, a little more there! One idea we got from Mary Harper: To REDUCE YOUR COFFEE PURCHASES BY ONE-THIRD while consuming as much as ever. Make a pot of coffee exactly as you always have. If you normally use four measures of coffee, use four measures. Drink all of it. But...do not throw out the used coffee grounds. Next time you make coffee, add only TWO measures to the used grounds (half the amount you used for the first pot). Drink it all. Now make a third pot of coffee. Again, do not throw out the grounds. Simply add only TWO measures. You have enjoyed three pots of good coffee but have used only eight measures, instead of the twelve measures you formerly used. Do you fancy the second and third pots were not as good as the first? If so, it's only your imagination! Do not tell your guests about this Inflation Fighter - until AFTER you have tested the second and third pots on them.

PRECOCIOUS CHILD: "Daddy, do you think I KNOW as much as I don't know?"

VITAL TRAIT: Have you ever noticed that men and women who have climbed the ladder of success, or achieved acclaim, seem to enjoy one vital trait in common? They are very willing to ask for and accept help. Now, we are not referring to gamblers who might win. They are of another ilk. The greater a person's REAL stature and TRUE achievement, the more he is likely to concede that he does not know all the answers. That one TRAIT sets great men apart from the regular run.



THE COFFEES: Jean writes that 1980 was not a good year for them. Vern had to have surgery the last part of November and was in the hospital a whole month. They wish club members they know would stop by for a visit whenever traveling near Denver.

APOLOGIZING: That's what we have to do when we can't list everyone who calls or writes. Have patience. We try to include a few news items and ideas each quarter. Then again, some calls and letters are sent in confidence, which we always honor 100%. One interesting call came in today from Kansas City. It was from Mr. George Langworthy, who, it seems learned about the Ultra Club from reading a copy of the CORSA MAGAZINE. He has an Ultra, and wants to join with us. He thought the \$10 membership fee was very reasonable too, and said his check would be in the mail at once. Welcome to the club, George.

OBSERVATIONS: The weather was absolutely wonderful at the Lodi Grape Festival Rally, with beautiful sunny days. Dee and Ruth Moseley, assisted by the Snyders and Dr. Frantzs, did a terrific job of hosting. There were 31 total coaches attending...that is, after Fred and Eleanor Leary got #434 through snow-blocked Donner Pass. We had dinner out at a Japanese Restaurant, no less. A delicious meal. The club's Dr. of Ultras, Len Ryerson, conducted a Safety Technical Session. Threasa Vandersteeg scheduled several Crafts Sessions. She also supervised some hilarious evening Party Games...and helped with the Coffee Hours. What a gal! I was asked to hold another Financial Seminar at 10:30 Saturday AM, attended by a large number. Alfred Hoffman projected two-shows of Color Slides of their recent trip to Alaska in their motor home. Let's not forget Dee's "Instant Replay" game, with new President Mel Dineson winning \$25 and the club \$25. Warren Suckow, together with Al Lyles, Thelma Musser, and others, held the Services Sunday AM. I've left out many who helped. Anita Tefft gave us some good "Tax Shelters". She made a million (it seemed) of humorous "shelters" of wood and metal. It was another fine gathering of Ultra folk.

MELODIE: Awhile back in December, we received a nice letter from Dorothea Fearing in Kentucky. She explained that they had driven their "Melodie" Ultra a total of 129,456 miles now. That certainly is an enviable record. Of course, I guess everyone knows and was sorry to learn that Doctor Oliver passed away last month after a long period of illness.

SIPHON ROBBERY: Most of us have by now noticed the new fangled DOUBLE HOSE anti-polution gasoline pump nozzles. Yes, especially around southern California the last few months. Use with CAUTION. The noble idea is to suction-return any gasoline vapors or emissions while filling the tank of your car or motor home. Wonderful! They are a bit wieldy and cumbersome for lady self-servers. We can live with that. However, unless you are aware, they may also be returning to the STATION'S BULK TANK the gas that you are paying dearly for. When your tank gets full to-the-neck, stop filling at once. NEVER top-off your tank with a double-hose nozzle. Watch the attendant if you don't serve yourself. The Meter records your purchase and he may be pumping gas into your tank, and right back into his - - over and over. They are supposed to shut off, but some don't always do so. With gasoline now around the \$1.50 mark, even half a gallon pumped in-and-out is far too much.

COYOTE CAMPS: The last few years we have watched prices on everything climb steadily upwards, including campgrounds all across the country. Family owned campgrounds sell out to syndicates. The first thing they do is crowd more rigs into the same space and raise the fees sharply to maximize the return on their investment. Full-Timers, especially, object to these increased rates for the privilege of being packed in like Sardines with other RVs snuggled too close. That's when many get aggravated enough to look up one of the huge so-called

"Coyote Camps" located in desert areas. It's a level place where Snowbirds can spend warm winter months a half-block apart in their RVs... and the COST so far has been Zero. At NILAND in California (Slab City - east of the Salton Sea) there is one such area. It used to be Camp Gilmore, where General Patton trained his Tank Forces during the war. Since then, thousands of RVers have spent their winters there. There are other camps too. It most certainly is an inexpensive life style. You can plant and groom your own cactus garden, befriend yelping coyotes,

even cute roadrunners, or other wild critters. But now comes the rub. Just recently there have been rumors that some sites will start charging a fee.

LIPNICK: Jerry writes that after the Kansas National Rally, on their return trip to New York state, Blanche was running a high fever and had to be taken to the Emergency Hospital at Lindsborg. In a few days they resumed travel. However, in Pennsylvania the virus flared up again and she had to be hospitalized once more. So they missed seeing and visiting all the sights along the way. We just heard again today - with plenty of rest and four pills a day, she is beginning to feel quite well now.

OLD JOKE QUESTION: "Do you still beat your wife?" Anyway you answer it, you are guilty.

FIT AS A FIDDLE: Now here is an idea some of you might like to try. Many of us who saw Al and Martha Hoffman at the Lodi Grape Rally noticed how much more robust and healthy they looked. Oh, and they appeared more slender and brawny too...and that's not just because they reside summers at Wolf Point, Montana! They have been taking a special course on foods and have almost eliminated butter, sugar, and red meats from their meals. When questioned, yes, they eat ALL THEY WANT and as often as they want. It's just a matter of proper kinds of intake. If they feel like nibbling between meals, it's a stick of celery, an apple, or a carrot...items low in calories but high in vitamins and minerals. Logic: We ARE what we EAT. Have you heard? -- A person USES UP more calories chewing celery than is in it.

FIGHT BACK: Quality control has not been as good lately. David Horowitz says we should not tolerate any dealer's indifference to poor workmanship or shoddy materials. If we do, we are just supporting him to remain careless. Let him know you are mad as hell. Use your CLOUT. Did you ever oil the hinges of a door that opened silently? No! But if the door screeches every time it is opened, you get out your WD-40 and start squirting. Same with the dealer... he'll cooperate and make adjustment if you are overcharged or receive defective merchandise...if you LET HIM KNOW. The squeeky wheel gets greased!

FLEA MARKET: The Frank Rudolphs #357 in Florida, suggest that maybe we could have a Flyer with each mailing, titled, "Ultra Motor Coach Club Flea Market". This for trading or swapping parts or accessories, etc. Seems a good idea, Frank. Who volunteers to operate it, collect the data, type it up? We should mention here that WMU Ed Martin and EMU Walt Davison, at opposite ends of the nation, are offering their services to the member who must sell his Ultra Coach for health, financial, or other reason. To cover their costs they are obliged to charge a fee. The club is a non-profit corporation and, I'm teld, should not itself become involved in coach sales.

AN ELECTRIC SHOCK: Meter rates seem to keep going up and up. Every time you get your electric bill lately it really gives you a shock. Experts predict that costs will be going still higher. We will all be getting more jolts as time goes on. The new portable QUARTZ heaters are one way to help reduce your monthly bills. They heat YOU and THINGS - not the air. They have no noisy blower motor. We recently got a small 250-700 watt Sunbeam model that Edna and I really like. Just imagine, on HIGH only 700 watts. It works fast if you want to warm up a bit at home or in your coach (if hooked up) after coming in with cold feet, hands, or whatever else gets chilled on a cold day outdoors. They are also made by other companies in higher wattage for those who require more heat. The new Quartz Tubes give more heat per watt.

MILEAGE: Anita Tefft and Margaret Grey, owners of #277, wrote awhile back that on a trip up north, "We got 17.8 MPG at an average cost of 13¢ per mile."

NOT I, SIR? Yes...a few families HAVE forgotten to renew their memberships for the new year. Your club values every member very highly. Without ALL of you the club is weaker. But...this will be the final mailing to those few who have not sent the very reasonable \$10 annual dues. There has to be SOME cut-off time, and this is it per club rules. So...wouldn't you like to please re-new now? You need the club and the club sincerely NEEDS YOU.

ACCLAMATION: Two more member families came forward to receive special honors at the last Ultra Rally General Meeting. Mory Snyder and Len Ryerson each received the club's "100,000 Mile Pin" for driving that mileage behind the wide Ultra windshield. Of course, their co-Pilots were also congratulated. That makes a total of thirteen Ultra families that have been thus widely acclaimed. Is anyone else getting near?

FREE CATALOG: A source for very UNUSUAL RV items, such as 12-volt electric shavers, a bunch of 12-volt appliances, toasters, heating pads, and the like, are listed in a free catalogue from the HOUSE OF WRIGHT, Box 4457, Downey, Calif. 90241. Drop Dean Wright a line and expect a surprise.

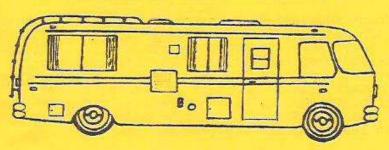
"THE Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, Moves on: nor all your Piety nor WIT shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it!" - Omar Khayyam

ARIZONA: Jerry and Pat Zeaman #404 write that Jerry is in a Hospital laid up with a second Kidney attack. Even under such handicap, he cut off and mailed his renewal Membership Coupon to an Ultra Coach owner in Wyoming who is not yet a member. That's real LOYALTY. Thank you Jerry and get well in a hurry. Hope Wyoming joins us.

WE STILL LOVE THEM: That's what Ed and Betsy Hull (New Jersey) write, speaking of Ultras #249 and #551 which they and their son and daughter-in-law own and enjoy. Guess all the rest of us fully agree with them on that.

Sincerely,







MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bob Ackerman at 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Ackerman are host and hostess of this rally as well as Directors of the EMU's. Other EMU Directors present were Gilbert & Melva Coen and Walter & Marilyn Davison and Kational Directors Chance & Margaret Fitzgerald and Arnold & Edna Steenburg.

It was suggested that the election of National Officers and other business that concerns the entire club membership be taken up at the yearly National Rally. Bob Ackerman will draft a letter to Fresident Mel Dinesen regarding this consensus of opinion of the EMU's. It was mentioned that the Officers might be working on a change in the Dy-Laws for this, since it was brought up at the meeting in Nutchinson, Kansas, last October.

Jerry Rutton volunteered to pick up the Ultravan jackets and caps from Vi Frantz and have them for sale at future rallies.

Wagonmaster Gus Brining reported that 62 people were in attendance at this rally in 29 units - 27 Ultras and 2 Brand X. Thirteen states are represented as follows:

Florida	13	Minnesota	1	Maryland	1
Ohio	3	Massachusetts	1	California	1
New York	2	Oklahoma	1	Indiana	1
New Jersey	2	Alabama	1	Illinois	1
Michigan	1				

Bob reminded everyone of the Ultra Road-e-o at 1:00 p.m. today and got some volunteers to help him lay out the course near the stable. He also said the Pot Luck Supper would be at 5:30 p.m. and the Road-e-o would be over in time for the ladies to bake a cake or fix a hot dish or whatever.

Walt Davison suggested that rally dates should be set far enough in advance so everyone can plan their vacation accordingly. A show of hands made it evident that the suggestion was unanimously agreed to. It was also suggested that we have permanent dates for certain rallies and the Directors were designated to decide those dates.

Neva Brining read from previous minutes that "We shall have three annual rallies - one in March and two in the summer; however, when we plan the National Rally, it shall count as one."

A rally was tentatively scheduled for the Washington, D.C. area in June with Richard Decker as host, but nobody has heard anything definite since then, so Bob Ackerman will call him tomorrow and see if any more plans have been made. If that rally is to be held, we will hear more about it; otherwise, it may be cancelled.

Sonny Harben made a motion that we have one summer rally in 1981 which will be August 13-16 at Foor Farmers' Campsite at Fletcher, Chio, hosted by Gus & Neva Brining and Howard & Marietta Walthers. It was mentioned that a national mailing would go out in May and we should get any information to Norm Johnson early enough to go into that mailing.

Walt Davison asked for a host for the Florida Rally in March, 1782, and since nobody volunteered, a motion was made and passed that we have that rally without a host in the wilderness Area at Fisheating Creek Campground. Walt will take care of reserving the area.

At the next national rally we need new EMU candidates as Directors. Helen Smith nominated Morris & Tennie Randle and Arlene Ackerman nominated Louis & Maybel Griggs. A motion was made and passed that the nominations be closed, so the names of these two couples will be put up for election at the national meeting.

Neva Brining invited everyone to the rally she & Gus and the Walthers are hosting August 13-16, 1981, at Poor Farmers' Campsite at Fletcher, Ohio, and mentioned interesting sites in the area and plans to visit the rebuilt part of the old Erie Canal and a stop at Duff's Cafeteria on the way back.

Cus & Neva were named Honorary Wagonmaster & Co-Wagonmaster.

Bob announced that we would caravan to his house in Jarasota tomorrow and in the afternoon those who wanted to, could get group rates at Bellm's Cars & Music of Yesterday or Jarasota Jungle Cardens.

Treva Casselman was nominated and elected EMU Secretary to take office after the National Rally in September, 1981.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

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YOUR ULTRA -- PERSONAL ATTENTION PLEASE

TECHNICAL REPORTER: MORY SNYDER

:Since Roma Smith was voted your club Treasurer, it was necessary to appoint a new Technical Reporter... I was drafted. Roma will be a hard man to follow on this job but I will do my best. Please bear with me until I find my way around. Thank you.

:We had an excellent rally in January at the Grape Festival Grounds in Lodi, California. The weather did its best for us with lots of sunshine most of the weekend. The 31 families there enjoyed every hour of it. : Len Ryerson, compiler and editor of the Ultra Maintenance Manual, graciously agreed to lead the Technical Meeting with his thoughts beginning on COACH SAFETY. Some items for discussion were: In brief--

Age of our Unique Motorhome Steering the Coach Stopping the Coach General Maintenance of the Coach

:Most of these items up for discussion are covered in the Manual, but just to jog your memories and for those who don't have a Manual, here are a few highlights....that CAN be clipped out or written in your book. AGE: These coaches are now 10 to 12 years old. One should remember the last one was built about early 1970. We must look for deterioration throughout the coach and correct it now. The body construction is one that will last for many more years with care but the undercarriage must have extra care and inspection. Our reaction may be slower so let's make it safer by checking all undercarriage and attaching parts. STEERING: Manual Section 10....Close inspection of the running gear before each trip is a MUST for SAFETY. Inspect steering linkage, lug nuts, wheels for cracks (up around the rim & down to hub) inside and outside surfaces, U-Joints (for lubrication and any signs of extreme wear), A-Frames (for cracks & wear), and radius arms or turnbuckle braces. This type of inspection is for TRIP SAFETY and NOT to be considered as a REGULAR maintenance job done.

BRAKES: Manual Section 11 - Page 13.... Examine all lines and wheel areas for any leakage of brake fluid, and wear marks on the lines which might become an area for leakage. The long flexible line to the front wheels is no longer available. Shorter lines are available but must have an extension made to the steel line at the wall in the wheel well to accommodate this shorter line.

FRONT & REAR SUSPENSION: Manual Section 9....Bushings P/N 6255708 -10 of these are used in each Corvair coach and 11 in the V-8's. They
are no longer available it seems from GMC but we have found a source...
P/N FB190 Bushing (McQuay Norris) or P/N F6 62511 21 (Harris Silent
Bloc) McQuay Norris, 1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110--Phone:
314-645-8200. This info courtesy of Charles Bylsma #533

BEARINGS: Manual Section 9 Page 9-6......Inspection of all wheel bearings is a must if you want trouble-free traveling. Check for lubrication and roughness. Carry along a full set of bearings with you, so that if you should have a failure, you won't have to wait for parts, or worse--scrounge for them. Remember, unless you are mechanically attuned, you might not hear the telltale noise that indicates a bad bearing, then it can break up - overheat - eventually create a real problem which will become a breakdown on the road. CORVAIR FAN BELT: Manual Section 13 Pages 13-13 & 13-14 P/N 3780981 Belt, Blower....Alternate: P/N 7565 Belt (Gates) 10x1440 Cost \$6.55 prox. This alternate used by Hank Yakel #391 When removing belt, loosen idler pulley and slip belt over alternator pulley FIRST. On installation slip belt over alternator pulley LAST. Alternator pulley is only shallow groove pulley in the system, thus belt is not stretched needlessly. WINDSHIELD WIPER ARMS: Manual Section 15 Page 15-66....Excessive wear is occurring in the driving serrations on Bosch Drive Shaft & on adaptor/spacer ID & OD and in ID of wiper arm. Some have come off while operating and lost. Replace wiper arm with P/N 60-726 Arm Assy. NAPA (same as TRICO P/N AL-260). This eliminates use of hard to find spacer/adaptor & mounts arm directly on Bosch Wiper Shaft. It may be necessary to get a TRICO Accessory Kit to attach your present wiper blade to the new TRICO Arm Assy. If drive serrations on end of BOSCH Stud Assy, are too badly worn, shaft & stud assy, must be replaced.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS: Suggested helpful hints from those who tried them --CAROL VERSTEEGH #413: Walk around your Coach each time before leaving. Look for oil leaks. He found a puddle under his engine & found an oil filter leak. Crankshaft pulley with rubber insert had come loose, slipped back rubbing on filter case wearing a hole in filter. He replaced, with a steel pulley and got new filter. No more leaks. BOB ACKERMAN #458: To improve stability of coach on road, he installed various radius bars on rear, & custom-made sway bars both front & rear. Now no sway from passing trucks, crosswinds, etc. Write for details= #458 Spherco Rod End Assys. P/N TR-7 or TR-7N (See Manual Pg. 10-43) can be replaced with stronger ends P/N AR-7 or AR-7N (with grease fittings). ART MERRIFIELD # 476: His Transmission slipped. He bought Trans-Last Automatic Transmission Conditioner from Corvair Unlimited in Costa Mesa, Ca. Now he says no leaks, no slip. It has worked for him. ANITA TEFFT/MARGARET GREY #277: They are going to fiberglass the outlet of the holding tank and install a new fitting. Will let us know result. Those girls will tackle anything! We wish you the best of luck. HANK RUPP #465: Wants to know the source for Ultra Foam Bumpers? We knew of Zephyr Marine, 25 18th St., Richmond, Calif. 415-237-7566. Don't know if they are still in business. ED HARRISON #324: Wants info from anyone who has made an engine conversion in his Coach. Ed, Bill Helander has installed a Bronco.. #459. Orville Phillips converted to a Buick 6... Box 299 Tacco, Ga. 30577.

That's it for now. Will catch some of the other suggestions later. Do you like the new lay-out of the Tech Report? Let us know. Incidentally, Len Ryerson still has some Manuals left. Write to him...#513.

Mory

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GENERAL MEETING

TILLY CREEK CAMP LAKE ISABELLA WOFFORD, CALIF.

MINUTES

2ND MAY 1981

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT, MEL DINESEN AT 2: PM. EVELYN DONALDSON LED THE GROUP IN SINGING OUR SONG, "SPIRIT OF ULTRA" -- HILDA GREEN THEN READ A TRIBUTE, EXPRESSING ALL OUR THOUGHTS, TO THE RECENT "PASSING" OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED FRIEND AND MEMBER, HERB ELKINS.

SEVERAL OF THE MANY GUESTS WERE INTRODUCED. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY INTRODUC-ING A FEW "FIRST-TIME ATTENDING" MEMBERS. THE NEW MEMBERS WERE; SIMONE MANISCALCO (SAM) - #320 AND SON, AL & KITTY STANLEY - #479 AND SON, KENNY & SUZANNE LAWRENCE - #239 (THEY BROUGHT BLANCHE ELKINS WITH THEM AND WERE SIGNED UP AT THE RALLY), JIM & MARLENE CRAIG - #332 (THEY CAME IN THEIR CORVAIR GREENBRIER, AS HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING HIS ULTRA). JIM & FRANKE PITTS - #275, SHOWED-UP AS "FIRST-TIMERS" AFTER SEVEN YEARS AS MEMBERS!!!

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS MAILED.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: WAS SUBMITTED BY ROMA SMITH AND ACCEPTED AS FOLLOWS:

PREVIOUS REPORTED BALANCE

(1/26/81) \$ 1,185.73

ADJUSTED BALANCE (@ LODI, CAL.

(1/30/81) (1,034.14) (N/INCL)

RECEIPTS

\$ 1,610.69

DISBURSEMENTS

1,638.09

PRESENT BALANCE / CHECKING

(4/30/81) \$ 1,138,33

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT: WAS GIVEN BY MILLIE DINESEN AS FOLLOWS;

AT MEETING TIME; 42 REGISTERED FAMILIES WERE PRESENT. @ \$2.00 PER UNIT = \$84.00 -- ALSO, MISC. SALES (EMBLEMS, BADGES, MAILERS, ETC.) OF \$70. / = \$154.

THE WAGONMASTER'S REPORT: WAS GIVEN BY MEL DINESEN, (SAME GUY - DIFFERENT HAT).

HE CONFIRMED MILLIES' COUNT, IE: 37 ULTRAS & 5 BRAND-Xs. STATE REPRESENT
ATION, L-O-N-G-E-S-T & SHORTEST DISTANCES WERE NOT DETERMINED AT THIS TIME. ALSO,

THE KIDDIE & DOGGIE COUNT WAS NOT UPDATED, THOU SEVERAL ARE HERE. IF THERE ARE ANY

THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT: WAS GIVEN BY MORY SNYDER AS FOLLOWS;

CHANGES, THEY'LL BE NOTED AT THE CONCLUSSION OF THE MINUTES.

HE ANNOUNCED THAT A "POT-LUCK" DINNER WOULD BE AT 5:00 THIS EVENING. (THE FISH DIDN'T COOPERATE FOR A "FISH-FRY). HE REPORTED THAT THE JULY RALLY AT MT. HOOD (50 MILES E/O PORTLAND, ORE) IS "FIRMED-UP" WITH DATES & DATA IN ACCOMPANING FLYER. THE TOM SHEPHERDS & THE BOB BOBBS, HOSTING. AT MEETING TIME HE REPORTED THAT INFORMATION OF THE EMU - WASHINGTON DC AREA RALLY, WAS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY YET !! HE REPORTED THAT THE DETAILS & DATA FOR THE EMU - AUG I3 - I6, POOR FARMERS' CAMP SITE RALLY @ FLETCHER, OHIO IF FIRM. (FLYER ATTACHED). THE "NATIONAL RALLY" - SEP I5 - 20 NEAR DURANGO, COLO., IS IN IT'S FINALLIZING STAGE. (DETAILS & DATA WILL BE IN THE NEXT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.) WARREN & NOBIA SUCKOW ARE STILL "FEELING-OUT" THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE JAN. '82 RALLY IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN (PHOENIX, ARIZ. AREA). LEN & EDY RYERSON WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRES FOR A POSSIBLE JULY '82 RALLY IN B.C. CANADA. DATES WILL TRY TO COINCIDE WITH SOME INTERESTING EVENT OF THE TIME.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT WE DESIGN A PLAQUE (ATTACHABLE TO INSIDE /OR OUTSIDE)
FOR ANY COACH THAT ACHIEVES THE 100,000 MILESTONE -- IN ADDITION TO THE INDIVIDULE
100,000 MILE 'JEWELLED' PIN. WE HAVE AN ARTIST OF THAT SORTS IN THE CLUB AND HE'LL BE
APPROACHED AS-TO COSTS, SUGGESTION OF DESIGN, ETC. --- ALLAN POLUS - #401.

OLD BUSINESS:

A DISCUSSION OF "REPEAT" RALLY SITES WAS TABLED. AGGREEABLE, BUT NO SPECIFIC LOCATIONS SUGGESTED OR ACTED UPON. A SUGGESTION THAT ONE ADDITIONAL RALLY ANNUALLY BE HELD EACH YEAR. (NEW BUSINESS)

NEW BUSINESS:

THE SUGGESTION OF ONE ADDITIONAL RALLY (A SUMMER-SEMI NATIONAL RALLY OF SORTS), TO BE ALTERNATELY HOSTED AND HELD AT A CONVIENT DATE DURING THE 'SUMMER VACATION TIME' (MID-JUNE UP-TO LABOR DAY), THAT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, THOSE WITH CHILDREN AND UN-RETIR-ED. MAY ATTEND. THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION WAS FAVORABLE TO THE SUGGESTION, BUT MADE A MOTION THAT IT BE BROUGHT UP AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RALLY, FOR DIS-CUSSION AND/OR ADOPTION. SO MOVED & SECONDED.

MEL ANNOUNCED THAT ART ELLERS HAD BROUGHT TO THE RALLY, A COMPLETELY OVERHAULED GREENBRIER AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION (FITTED WITH OIL COOLING ATTACHMENTS) TO BE DONATED TO THE CLUB'S COFFERS, BY AUCTIONING IT OFF, FOLLOWING THE MEETING. (LATER; COOK - #316 BID \$ 182.50 -- "THANK YOU: ART & THELMA"

ERNIE NEWHOUSE THANKED THE DINESENS & THE GREENS FOR THIS FINE. WELL ORGANIZED RALLY, -- ESPECIALLY FOR MAKING THE "LAST-MINUTE" CHANGE OF SITE, FROM THE HOT & WINDY UNSHADED CAMP 9 SITE TO THIS "SHADE TREE" SITE AT TILLY CREEK. NOT ALL THOSE ARRIVING "GOT THE WORD IN ADVANCE" -- BUT BY A CONSTANT VIGIL ON THE CB / CHANNEL 15 AND THE CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF THE LOCAL CB'ERS, AND RV'ERS AT CAMP 9, "THE WORD GOT A-ROUND" AND WE ALL GOT TOGEATHER.

TOM SHEPHERD ANNOUNCED THAT ANY EARLY ARRIVERS FOR THE JULY - MT. HOOD RALLY. ARE WELCOME TO STOP IN, ENROUTE AND STAY A WHILE. HE CAN ACCOMODATE 15 (EVEN MORE, IF NECESSARY) -- EVEN HOOKUPS (25¢ / NITE, IF NO A/C OR HEATERS). SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD .PLACE FOR THE "EARLY-BIRDS" TO GEATHER AND LATER CARAVAN TO THE RALLY.

MORY SNYDER (THE NEW TECH. WRITER & ASST. WAGONMASTER) INVITES ANY AND ALL SUG-

GESTIONS (WITH ACCOMPANING DATA). HE'LL WRITE IT UP AND PASS ON THE WORD.

ART ELLERS WILL BE SHOWING 2 VERY INTERESTING FILMS TO NIGHT. (I) WILL BE A SUP-RISE, BUT HE'S SURE YOU'LL ENJOY IT. -- AND (2) WILL BE A 30 MIN. STORY COVERING THE, "FLIGHT OF THE GOSSAMER ALBATROSS" -- (THE FLIGHT BY MAN-POWER, ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. ENGLAND TO FRANCE)

LEN RYERSON & MORY SNYDER WILL HOLD A TECH. SESSION, DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE AUCTION, ON THE SPINDLE DEMONSTRATION. WILL EXTEND TO SUNDAY AM, IF NECESSARY.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:50 PM.

NORM JOHNSON - SECRETARY

THE GIFT DRAWING WAS HELD DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE CLOSING OF THE MEETING. ALL GIFTS WERE WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER, AND YOU HAD TO "GUESS" YOUR CHOICE.

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ****

By Ernest Newhouse

May 1981

ULTRA MOTORHOME CLUE

ULTRA SERVICE: Sometimes it pays to spend a few dollars in order to save money. An example could be the ULTRA SERVICE MANUAL that Len & Edy Ryerson #513 published for all of us. I guess most Club Members already have this Sears-catalog-size book (13/4" thick). But a few newer members may not even know that such a valuable volume exists. It contains the best known sources for every possible coach component, the part #s, plus "how to do" almost any service or repair operation you will ever require. To have this valuable information at your finger tips, you can send a check to Len Ryerson, 18628 Rayen St., Northridge, Calif. 91324. Len is holding the original low pre-publication price of \$50 for the book, plus \$5 to box and ship it to you. Yes, you might spend \$55 now that certainly can save you several hundred dollars in preventative maintenance alone. For any member who does not yet have the ULTRA SERVICE MANUAL, here is your opportunity to get one at the old original net cost.

QUESTION: What happened to the cow when she had a new calf? ANSWER: The cow was decaffeinated.

EDWARD A, MARTIN: Charter Member #296. We got some real nice comments from Ed back during March. He is up to his old tricks. The clever bit of artwork to the right was done on the back of the envelope that his letter arrived in a couple months ago. Ed had contact with his "Croaker" again - surgery - but he was well and active at the Lake Isabella Rally. Ed still kept snapping those beautiful 35mm photos he is so famous for.

DID YOU SEE IT? There was an Ultra Coach parked to watch the lift-off at Cape Canaveral. We saw it. National television broadcast scenes of the tens of thousands there in Florida awaiting the signal to fire the rockets. We're told that it

was Bill and Elvira Kopachik's #378 that had the honor of appearing on T.V. nationally. Congratulations.

GASOLINE: The Corvair engine is a high performance unit that generally requires premium gasoline. What will Ultra owners do when hi-test fuel is phased out? Club member Peter Quaresmo #477 comes to everyone's rescue. He tells me that engineers at the Auto Club of Southern California have studied the problem; recommend mixing half a tank of regular with half a tank of premium when available. They claim the result is a total fuel of about 93 octane. This because the small amount of lead tends to boost the octane substantially. Thanks Peter for your help. Bill Estes of MHL suggests Water Injection as an aid also. However, he forgot to mention RETARDING the Spark Timing as a further help. I consider the latter item to be very important, don't you? All in all, our Members should be able to cope with the problem quite easily. By the way, all Union 76 Stations carry leaded Premium gasoline.

"Who PAID for my freedom, and what the PRICE? and am I SOMEHOW beholden?" --- Carl Sandburg, great American poet.

C.B. REFUNDS: Citizen Band Radio Stations, such as we operate from our Motorhomes, are eligible for a government rebate of \$18. That is, if you applied for your license between Aug. 1st, 1970 and Feb. 28, 1975. If you paid the \$20 application fee, you will get \$18 refunded if you write to: Federal Communications Commission, Fee Refund Program (11). P. O. Box 19209, Wash. D.C. 20036. They will mail you a special form to fill out. No one (Except Postscripts) will ever tell you about the overcharge during those 5-years. Don't let them get away with it. I got it back. This is your chance to get your \$18 refunded to you.

PEANUTS: No, I'm not going to tell about what ex-pres. Carter is doing these days. It's just that the price of peanuts has gone sky high! The extreme drought down in Georgia, and other Southern States, has devestated the peanut crop. The 2 1/2 1b jar of "Skippy" brand peanut butter now costs over \$6.00 in some markets. That's more than 175% increase in six months time. Did any of you know about this early

enough to pick up a case <u>before</u> the price hike? Wonder if they will include peanuts in the Consumer Price Index this quarter?

LOU LASLO #474: Lou & Helen called a couple times since the April Rally and just mailed info about an RV Mobile Service that has been real helpful for refrigerator, and so on. Club Members within the greater L. A. area might want to keep this in mind. Jim Reed & Sons -- Phone (213) 359-5464. Remember, they are mobile (a shop-on-wheels) and drive their service truck to your address. Thanks Lou for this good tip.

LAKE ISABELLA: All 42-plus coaches attending, parked on grass in the shade of a grove of beautiful trees in full blossom. The hosts did a fine job. Seventeen coaches stayed over until Monday. Art Eller #364 donated a completely overhauled Corvair Transmission to the Club, which was auctioned off by professional Auctioneer/Club Member Ken Lawrence #239. Thelma Cook #316 was the lucky bidder. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to member and Transmission Expert Art Eller.

CORVAIR PARTS: If you need any, just get in touch with Clark's Corvair at Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370. Phone # (413) 625-9092. They are said to carry many rare parts. Also heard today from new Member, Robert Bishop #501 who recommends Athens Auto Repair, 2301 Athens Ave., Redding, Calif. 96001 for any Corvair work. Thanks Bob for your letter today.

MURPHY'S LAW: You will recall that Newhouse's Law is: Share with others information that might prove useful to them. One of Murphy's Laws states that everything takes you twice as long to do as you thought it would. Well, here is some information that I think fulfills the first and dispells the latter: When you wash your coach (or car, boat, or whatever), add a cup of Kerosene to the pail of water you use with your mop, wash mitt or chamois. This idea will reduce your coach clemning time in half if it works for you like it does for me. All those little spatters of road oil and bugs come-clean fast, and the paint will glisten with a new shine that future rain-dirt has a more difficult time adhering to. Where do you get Kerosene? Paint Stores.

NUTS AGAIN: About two years ago I wrote up a story about the healing properties of the common almond nut. We quoted a testimonial: "completely cured a gentleman who was rated a cancer terminal case". Not only did he cure himself, but now eats three to six almonds each day as a preventative against future virus infection. Most every one knows, the Almond contains a trace of Laetrile (Amygdalin) in each kernel. That makes it a desirable diet-addition according to my sources. It's somewhat like ocean-fish, the iodine trace prevents goiter. Now... the big problem is that roasted almonds have quadrupled in price since I wrote that story - what power hath the press! An 8 oz (1/2 lb) package costs around \$5.95 average. However, some chain stores (such as Sav-On Drug Stores) now carry Almonds in #10 vacuum packed cans (aimost 1 gallon in size, containing 4 lbs) priced at \$13.87 or thereabouts! For those who wish to use them on a daily basis this is good to know. I've heard from dozens of Club families who toss a few almonds on their cereal each morning since my article was written. Human "Preventative Maintenance".

NEWHOUSE'S LAW: Did you know that Sambos Restaurants across the nation now give a 20% discount to Senior Citizens off their regular dinner menus? This is not being generally advertised except by word of mouth. They also give 10% off on their luncheons. You do not need to carry a special card to obtain these good discounts - just show your age, like a little greying around the temples. Thought a few of you might like to know about this.

NATIONAL AUTO GLASS SHOPS: Bill Brundage, the former T.V. Sportscaster, owns this small chain of shops. Len had asked me, so I spent some time over at the local operation a few days ago. Checked on the availability of Ultra windshields. There are a couple clear ones in California (no tinted). The only part numbers they go by are #W-575 and #W-576. They also checked the Clearing House Service for me, and found there were a few right and left curved pieces in the Detroit Warehouse that can be shipped anywhere. As we all know, they are actually a General Motors Stepvan item. PLEASE remember - they are now "TEMPERED" and can not be cut! Install WHOLE pieces.

Best regards, Sincel



YOUR ULTRA

:I missed the deadline for the last mailing -- I'm sorry. This will be an update from the April Rally at Lake Isabella. Our technical session was led by Len Ryerson and was well attended and member participation was excellent. This is what we need -- for each of you to tell us in a few words both your problems and how you solved them. ELECTRICAL: Section 15 in the Manual.....Several members had electrical problems. It was again noted that the Coaches are now over ten years old, copper hardens with age, electrical connections can get loose as a result of this hardening process. Periodically every connection should be checked for a secure connection. A Volt-Ohm Meter is A MUST tool and should be in every coach. Crimp connectors can cause trouble--the best way is to make all solder connections. ROSIN CORE SOLDER is the only type to use...acid core solder causes worse corrosion and thus a very poor contact.

PROPANE TANKS: Section 7 in the Manual......Propane Tanks by law are to be inspected periodically -- both for your SAFETY and for the one who fills the tank. Some dealers will not fill the tank without this inspection stamp on it. Pop-Off Valves on early tanks were set for lower pressure than the later tanks. These should be either reset or replaced with the newer valves. So next time your tank is empty, take it out, get it inspected and checked thoroughly and determine if it would be wise to have the valve replaced. Make SURE the Inspection stamp and date are on the tank.

Len Ryerson stresses PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE -- practice it, you will be glad you did in the long run. All it takes is time--not money.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS: Please we need ideas, problems, solving them, etc. However, note that often we don't have space to print every one at a mailing, but they will be included in the mailing following. WAYNE HOWARD #338: He sent a sample of GREAT STUFF by Instant Foam of Joliet, Ill ... don't have the complete address but write to him for it. He used this to fill holes in his bumper. When it dries it is almost like foam rubber. After it sets he sanded it and painted the bumper. WALT DAVIDSON # 452: He has installed hinged doors for the deep end of the bookcase. This made access to the shelves much easier. DEAN HANSEN # 427: After much research, has found a new Gates belt for Corvair Coaches. P/N 8561 -- wide tooth with the correct depth for the pulley. It is stocked by OTTO PARTS, 9659 Remer Street, S. El Monte, Ca. 91733... Phone 213-579-5875. Retails for prox. \$11.00 BILL RICHARDS # 402: Has and Ultra Master Brake Cylinder for sale. needs rebuilding but these are a very scarce item. Price: \$12.00 HARRY SONNEBORN # 425: Write to him for rear wheel bearing spacers @ .90 each (his cost). Be sure to tell him the thickness you require. DEE & RUTH MOSELEY # 544: Have written to say what a great "crew" the Club has. Well, they are certainly part of that crew after the great rally at Lodi they put on with such a flair. It was one of the BEST.