### **ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.**

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Savor Spring

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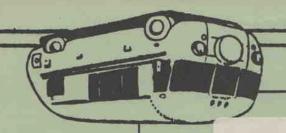
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# ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, Inc.

February 1987



Officers: 1987 Ultra Year

President, Jim Craig #65 Vice President, Don Richards #379
Secretary, Maybel Griggs #334 Treasurer, Louis Griggs #334
1986 Ernest Newhouse Award Recipient, Len Ryerson, #513

All reports of regional rallies, advertisements, etc. to be forwarded to the Secretary. Amendments suggested for the Club By-Laws and technical tips to be sent to the President. Deadlines for newsletter inputs are: November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 1st.

The President's Report

#### "DOWN THE ROAD"

Looking through the windshield, the road appears smooth and clear for good driving to all of the regional rallies and the National Rally in Arkansas.

The recent rally at Lake Havasu City, Arizona received a good turnout. (28 Ultras and 7 Associates)

The Committee for the National Rally met during that rally and I am pleased to advise you that the chairmen have everything organized and the committees are busy laying the necessary groundwork for another great National. So get out your calendars and mark Oct. 5th through 11th as the year's "good time" week. See flyer in this issue for additional details.

All of you that renewed your membership prior to Jan. 1, 1987 have received your new membership rosters and the Historical Booklet by now. If you renewed after that date you can mail a check to the Secretary for \$2.00 and they will be mailed to you. They will also be available through your Merchandise Chairman at each of the regional rallies, including the National.

The historical data Louis Griggs has accumulated is really impressive. It alone is worth the \$2.00. So get yours now. Only a limited amount is available. First come, first serve. Next update is Jan. 1, 1988.

As of Jan. 1, 1987 the Secretary reports that there were 164 members that renewed. An additional seventy-five were delinquent. The renewals consisted of 127 Ultra Vans, 6 Tiaras and 31 Associates. Some of the delinquent ones have renewed by now and hopefully all will renew soon. Thanks to you all for renewing on time.

My apology to you, Harold Washmuth, for not including your name in the officers list of 1987. Please add Harold's name and position of "Honorary Director" to the list on page seven of the October 1986 newsleter. Also did you fill out the questionaire on page 16 of the Oct. 1986 newsletter? If not, do so now and send it to Harold. This is a very worthwhile effort and will eventually benefit us all.

"Corvair Assistance" An appropriate name for a service organization that we should all get familiar with. This is the service that I have mentioned previously that has available a toll free (800) number that all Ultra Van Club Owners can use. See article elsewhere in this issue for details.

The dates for the July rally have been changed, so please see flyer in this issue.

"The Smithsonian in Washington D.C. has a Ultra Van on display." Well, not yet, but it is possible some time in the future. At the Texas National last year, John Fitzgerald asked Richard Decker to check out the necessary procedures to present a vehicle such as the Ultra. Richard has made contact with the Smithsonian and advised us who to contact and how to get the project started.

I will select a committee after this newsletter has reached the membership, in order to get things rolling. So if you would like to volunteer your services, please advise me ASAP.

Well, that is about it for now. Keep the windshield clean and the engine running and we shall meet "Down the Road" soon. Jim Craig #65
President

A few words from the Secretary and from the Treasurer. Please look at your mailing label. The number at the end of the second line is the year thru which your dues are paid. If your dues are paid in advance, the Club gets interest on it until it is used. The Club is currently getting 6-1/2% interest on all of its deposits. This interest helps hold the line on dues increases.

We are now able to computer print newsletter input. If you can't get it typed, send it in well in advance of deadline, and we will print it for you.

Any checks sent here should be made out to: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. - or-UVMCC will do just as well. If sending money for dues, advance registration, Group Ultra Van, or anything else, put it all on one check, with a note telling what it is for. This is a sample of the computer printout.

#### Coming Fallies

March 18-22, 1987 Zolfo Springs, Florida See Flyer
April 23-26 Paradise Rally, Maglia, California "
July 16-19 Farragut State Park, Athol, ID. "
August 5-9 Lost Bridge Camparound, Indiana "
NATIONAL RALLY, Hot Springs, Arkansas (see Flyer)

Rally Coordinators: WEST: Harold Washmuth EAST: Charles Smith



# Warm Your Heart



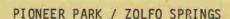
In "downtown" Zolfo Springs, Florida March 18-22, 1987





#### ULTRA CLUB

\*\* WARM YOUR HEART IN FLORIDA \*\*



MARCH 18/22 1987

HOSTED BY: Gus & Neva Brining, and Bob & Arlene Ackerman



Pioneer Park is in Hardee County, in downtown Zolfo Springs, Fla. There is a small zoo, and a Pioneer Museum located there. They have an annual "Pioneer Days" fair the 1st week of March every year. It is very historical, including an enacted battle, crafts, etc.. That activity will be over when we have our Rally there, but a local historian has offered to talk to us about their Florida Heritage. I'm sure that it will be a real talk from the HEART!

We also plan a Tram Tour (1 hour) through the back roads of Highlands Hammock State Park. They have many trails there, including a short boardwalk through a swamp area. "HEARTY" folks will enjoy this!

FACILITIES: Pioneer Park is a beautiful city-like park, including large pine trees,

and a tropical area along the Peace River. (Boat Ramp & Fishing avail.)
Disposal Station/ rest rooms w/showers. Limited Elec. hookups, 1st come
1st serve basis. Four miles to Wauchula to groceries, restaurant, sundries,
hospital, etc.. Facilities in Zolfo Sprgs. limited.

WEATHER: Anything from cold to HOT...a typical Fla. March. (Good for the HEART!)

BRING: Swap items Craft materials and ideas

Tech. info (questions & answers)

Makings for "Eat yourHEART out Pot-Luck"/ Goodies for HEART'S content coffee

Something Edible/Drinkable for the "INCREDIBLE-EDIBLE" Yankee Swap.

A BIG HEART!

FEES:

LOCATION: Pioneer Park is on the North-West corner of the intersection of U.S. Hy 17

and St. Hy. 64. (See map other side)

\$2.00 Rally Registration/ \$2.00 per coach Rec.-Room Chg.(not included in overnight charge!)

\$5.00 night NO HOOKUPS \$6.00 night Elec./Water (No Sewer) LIMITED CONNECTIONS

AVAILABLE. NO DOUBLING UP ON ELECTRIC ... This is a COUNTY PARK, and they have a few restrictions that shouldn't be TOO difficult to live with. We assured them of our cooperation.

We will have a wagonmaster working along with the park attendant in order to adhere to the county code....no big deal. (This park does allow pets on leash, and that is getting very scarce these days.) The Recreation Room is only avail. by reservation, that's why the additional \$2.00 chg. per unit, in order to pay the \$20.00 day chg. to use it. The overnight chg. is extremely reasonable considering that it's still the season in Florida. And, fairly enough, only the folks using the room pay for it.

There will be an approx. chg. of \$2.00 per person for the Tram Tour(optional, merely a side trip, if desired.)

Nicholas' Restaurant in Wauchula will provide a delicious banquet for \$7.00.

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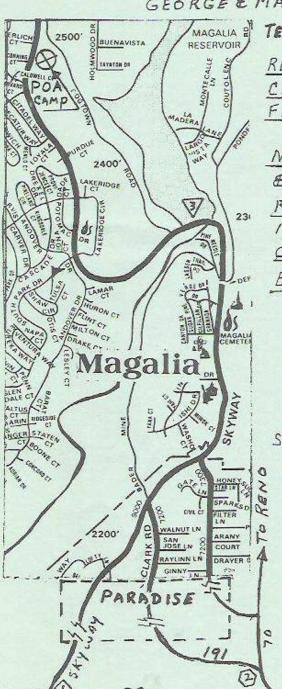
# PARADISE RALLY APRIL 23 THRU 26

P.O.A. CAMPGROUNDS MAGALIA, CALIF. COME & HELP CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN DREAMS

OF PARADISES GOLD NUGGET DAYS

SPONSORS: EVERETT & PHYLLIS HOWELL CO-SPONSORS GEORGE & MAXINE TRUMAN

BOB & ROBERTA FRANZ



MAGALIA 2 TEL- 916-873-/113

REGISTRATION. 2.00 PER-COACH CAMP SITES. 5.00 PER NIGHT FACILITIES - WATER, TOILETS, HOT SHOWERS, & DUMP STATION.

NO LODGE BRING CHAIRS, CARD FABLES & SHOVELS. SOME CAMP SITES NOT LEVEL.

RAINGEAR IS SUGGESTED, AS WEATHER IS UNPREDICTABLE.

GROCERY STORE ONE HALF MILE

### EVENTS

COFFEEHOUR TECH. SESSIONS FINANCIAL SEMINAR AUCTION - BRING ITEMS SIGHT SEEING

#### SCHEDULE

WED .- EARLY BIRDS-ARRIVE AFTER NOON THUR .- MINER'S STEW-(BRING INGREDIENTS)

FRI. - REGISTER 10-12 - POT LUCK

SAT - DINNER OUT

SUN .- CHURCH SERVICES - GOOD BYES

18.5 MILES TO POA. CAMP

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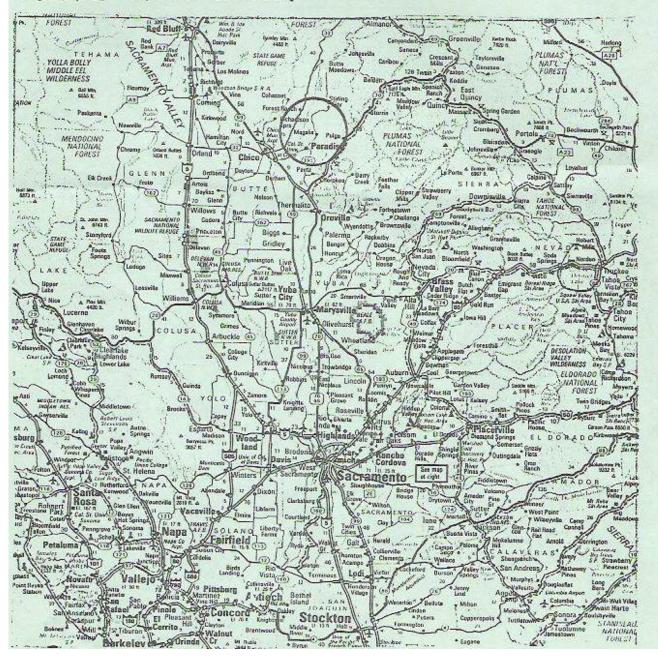
MILLERS STORE -. 5 MILES TO P.O.A CAMP 70 TO OROXILLE

## PARADISE RALLY

### HOW TO GET THERE

FROM THE SOUTH FOLLOW I-5 THRU SACRAMENTO. TURN RIGHT ON 70/99. CONTINUE ON 70 THRU MARYSVILLE AND OROVILLE. SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS TO P.O.A.

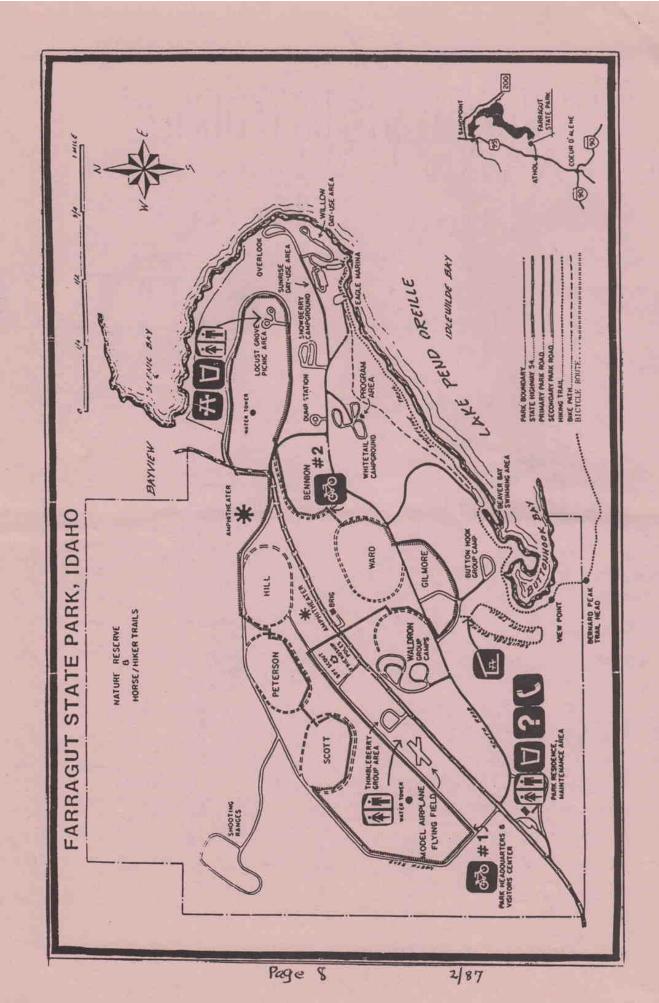
FROM NORTH FOLLOW I-5 TO REDBLUFF, THEN



1987 ULTRA VAN RALLY July 16-19 Canada Bonner's FERRY Sand point 2-KFARRAGUT 200 Farragut State Park Rathdrum Snowberry Campgrounds Coeur D'Alene Athol, Idaho (Hwy. 95 & 54) Hosted by: Bill & Dee Keith Ron Hinz (208) 687-0786 DO KANE 9 MISSOULA 290 Moscow Points SCHEDULE OF EVENTS EAST South Thursday: Hookups: \$8.00 Arrival-Setup Includes: Lewiston Potluck 4:30 P.M. Water, Elec., Dump sta., & Bath house. Friday: Towed in x-tra veh. Free Coffee Hour (Driven-\$4.00 X-tra) Tech. & Craft Sessions 20 sites reserved. & Nature Walk/Tour reservations prepaid by Club. 1st come 1st served. Saturday: Arrivals aft. 5:00 p.m. Call Ranger Officer: Coffee Hour Tech. & Craft Sessions (208) 683 - 2425 Tour on Lake Sunday: Coffee Hour Rom Church Services Boise Sightseeing Locally

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### INDIANA ULTRA VAN RALLY AUGUST 5 THRU' 9 , 1987







HOSTED BY: - George & Ruth Whiteside and many other little Ultra Elves.

WHERE :- Lost Bridge Campground on the Salamonie Reservoir.

LOST BRIDGE WEST CAMPGROUND is a modern area by Indiana standards. Each campsite has electricity, water is available but not a campsite connection. There is no sewer hook-ups but modern toilets and showers are near to all campsites. A dump station.

WE HAVE: - Swimming (gotta have a bathin' suit), fishing (gotta have a license), sailing, boating, water skiing, scuba diving, hiking, bird watching, nature study, etc.

A campfire program is sponsored by the Park Management and we can have our own campfire programs etc. (Gotta chop our own wood- it's cheaper)

The area is rich with interesting lore: Antique cars, steam and gasoline engines, threshing rigs, county fairs, Indian artifacts and perhaps a ride on the "WABASH CANNONBALL"

It still runs - occasionally.

WEATHER: - Typical Indiana - if you don't like it - just wait a little while.

BRING:- The usual swaps and fattenin' stuff.

EATIN' OUT: - Available if you want to.

TO LOCATE: - See attached map - have the wife read it.

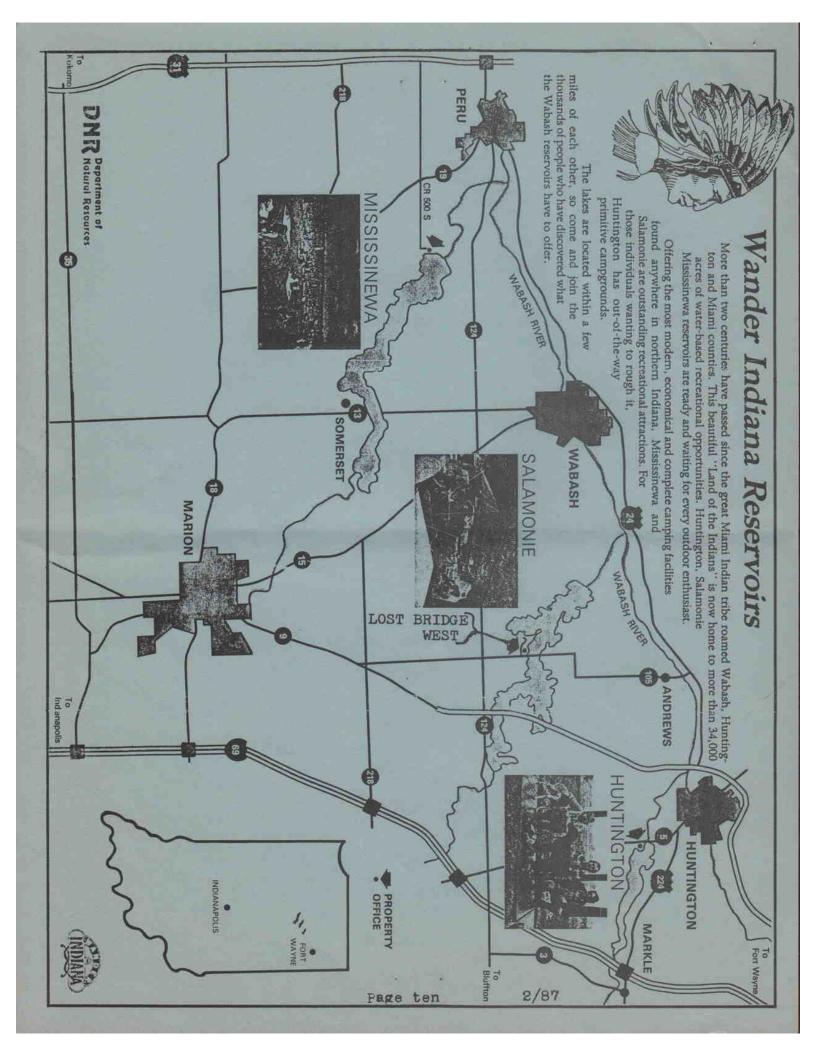
FEES: Election year in Indiana - nothin' guaranteed.

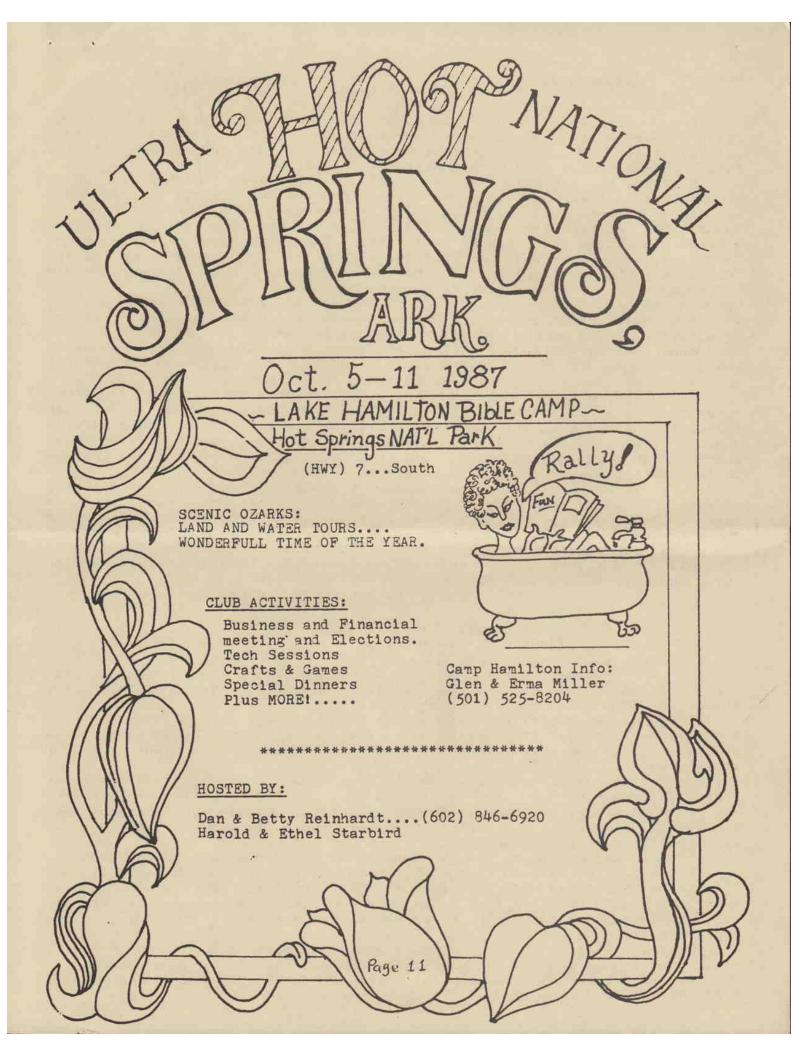
At present - a \$1.50, one time, entry fee with in and out privileges.

A camping fee of \$7.00 per night, payable in advance at gate.

WE'LL BE SEEIN' YOU

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Nov. 14, 1986

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The Great Western Fan Belt Toss Affair A View from Group Ultra Van

Group Ultra Van, a Chapter of CORSA, and members of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club once again participated in the annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss and swap meet on Nov. 7-9, 1986 at Angel Stadium, Palm Springs, California. This 9th meeting was even more successful than those of the past.

Sometime in mid-Friday afternoon the word "potluck" was heard. Ladies disappeared in their kitchens, and at 5:00 pm another famous Ultra feast happened out on the grass in front of the Ultra Vans. When we could no longer hold another bite, President Jim called Len Ryerson to the front and presented him with the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club's Ernest Newhouse Award for his expertise and years of faithful work on the Ultra Manual. We learned that this was a unanimous decision by the entire membership of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club. No surprise to any one but Len.

On Saturday an abundance of Corvair parts were on the grounds. The ladies enjoyed arts & crafts. The show cars were arranged by categories and were fairly judged by the people. What beauties! What a lot of hard work! In the end, we were proud of Al & Kathy Polus, #401, winning in its class as the best "Forward Control" in the event. Those fan belts could be seen flying through the air as the experts tried their skills.

On Saturday night the crowd enjoyed a catered dinner at the Pavillion. After dinner, prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders. Our group was fortunate to have several winners. Millie Eller, #364, won the biggie, a video disc player. Al Polus, #401, won a leaf & trash blower. Then came another high point, a ten piece band; the floor was cleared, and dancing was instantly in progress. A fun filled evening for all.

Back to Group Ultra Van--We need only a place to park. That place, a perfect one, was there. Mother Nature beamed her great smile right down on that circle of Ultras; 18 coaches and four family cars of members. The group under direction of President Jim Craig, #65, were lost in a Corvair world of their own. The ladies worked with their "rip and stitch" crafts.

All good things come to an end. So longs were said and people were on their way out, around noon Sunday. Let's do this often.

yours, Esther Snyder, #489

#### Lake Havasu City Ultra Rally January 22-25, 1987.

We arrived at the Rally site on Wednesday afternoon and found several other coaches had already set up. For the whole Rally a total of 35 coaches showed up- 30 Ultras and 5 Associates.

Since we his primitive area, Threasa (Vandersteeg) provided us with a nice large tent; but the weather was great, and we didn't need the tent for shelter. We appreciate the participation from all present in our activities.

We had our usual pot luck, also a "Hobo Stew", craft and tech sessions, financial seminar, and tour of the "English Village". Also, we had five mystery guests: Prince Philip, Princess Diane, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Sherlock Holmes, and Churchill. There were trolley tours, and an experimental aircraft show.

On Saturday night, we had our banquet at the Moose Lodge, followed by an informal time of fellowship. Roma Smith brought his robot and entertained the group with it. Our grandchildren-Autumn Suckow and Michelle Reinhardt-seemed to enjoy the "robot" the most, especially when it started to chase them. Auctioneer Bob Franz really ran a good auction, and everyone had a fun time!

Sunday morning we had our usual devotional with Al Polus, Helen Smith, and Esther Snyder leading the singing; Warren Suckow brought the message.

We closed with our goodbyes, and everyone went on their merry way.

Betty Reinhardt, Nobia Suckow Page twelve 2/87

# ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS \*\*\*\*

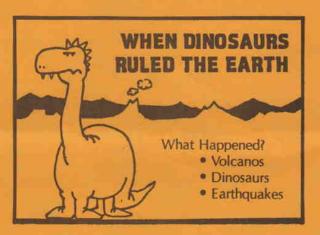
Ernest Newhouse 15239 El Soneto Drive Whittier, California 90605

February 1987

There are only <u>TWO</u> kinds of people in this world....those who eat their corn on the cob <u>end-to-end</u> AND those who eat it <u>around-and-around</u>.

LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN: Those words from the old melody are no longer hep. Believe me, London Bridge is in Havasu City to STAY. The town is booming from the tourist trade the old bridge is bringing. Little did Edna and I DREAM that when we drove over that same bridge in London years ago, that someday it would be moved to Arizona and that we'd have property in the town of its destination. As the huge stone blocks were shipped over from England, we remember the great pile of them near the present bridge site, each block NUMBERED, not unlike a child's Building Block Set, ready to be re-assembled in proper order. What a super jig-saw puzzle! It was a fine site for the western Winter Ultra Rally. Perhaps few know that the bridge was re-constructed on DRY LAND? Yes, it was! The wide channel of water running under it now is the result of excavation accomplished AFTER the bridge was completed. Now EVERYONE knows.

CRAZY HORSE CAMPGROUNDS: The January gathering of Ultra Vans was large and the weather was near perfect - not even any wind. The highways leading to Lake Havasu City remind one of similar geology on the moon. Historically the area is volcanic and evolved over long centuries, with the Colorado River eventually slicing through it. Some Club members were gathering beautifully colored stones. With a bit of effort, one's mind pictured dinosaurs roaming the area eons ago, the earth trembling with each step they took and from the geologic pressures below. Our rubber tired "Covered Wagons" were faced inward in one huge circle, complementing the scene.



Never trust ANYONE who knows how to tie a cravat. If he or she can make knots that perfect, you can never know what else they might accomplish.

THANK YOU EVERYONE: Threasa spent a few hundred personal dollars for a giant SHELTER TENT and we understand that Dan and Warren constructed the wall supports and tent stakes. Everyone pitched in. Roma displayed the futuristic walking of his very-own ELECTRONIC ROBOT, with voice and all. Many took tours of the city and British Shops that abound, as arranged by the hosts. All enjoyed the pot-lucks as well as the Moose Dinner and the meeting on the evening out. Our thanks to everyone who took part and to those who brought along boxes of grapefruit and tangerines for all to enjoy.

Let's get this straight: The TITANIC did not sink from a gash in the hull, but rather its plates buckled. Guarantee? Statute of limitations!

TECHNICAL SESSIONS: It was brought out again by Jim, who headed the preventative maintenance meetings, that the PILOT LIGHT of your Water Heater, alone, will pretty well keep the water hot. This saves propane because there is generally little need for that big licking flame to give immediate recovery each time a little hot water is used. Try this.

It is very UN-SAFE to take a shower in a thunderstorm. The lightning doesn't KNOW you are taking a shower. Is lightning able to "think"?

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Do you? I don't know a soul who buys PREMIUM gasoline anymore --- and that makes me feel good. NO engine needs gasoline fit to drink.

PROSPERING IN 1987: People keep asking about the <u>Tax Reform Act</u> and just what it holds in store for them. For around six-million families in the lowest income brackets, it will mean paying NO tax at all; for the rich, in general, many loopholes are closed and <u>most will pay more</u>, even though the rates are lower. Corporations are hit hardest --- and that means all of <u>us</u>, indirectly, because prices will be RAISED to cover increased manufacturing costs. For many who are under age-70 and with earned income, this will be the FINAL opportunity to fund an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). You have up 'til April 15th to contribute to or start your own IRA, and be able to DEDUCT the entire sum from your earned 1986 income. As one's life conditions change, often investment <u>objectives</u> change too. Investments made a few years ago may NO LONGER meet your needs today. Some economic factors are also quite unstable...that 18% interest we received a few years ago, is today nearer 6 to 8%. However, special situations are often available, with 20 to 30% earnings common. Many Ultra Club families that are getting Economic Newsletter are presented with these situation opportunities regularly (see the previous Postscripts). Retired members may want to emphasize <u>current</u> INCOME rather than capital appreciation. Regardless, it is advisable to "<u>batten-up-the-hatches</u>" for safety.

"Hell hath no fury like a woman's scorn." PLEASE --- run that by me again.

CLUB DIRECTORY AND HISTORICAL RECORD: Lou and Maybel certainly did a fine job with production of the new Club Membership Book. We also enjoyed the Club Newsletter mailing. Being involved with such things over many past years builds appreciation for the great amount of detail involved. The two stiff COVERS included with each Directory are appreciated. The "Code of Ethics" is there for everyone to read. Our thanks to the editors and to all those who contributed to the <u>Historical Record</u> (and to the Ultra Newsletters each quarter). To set the records straight, #603 was delivered finished. We worked on it many days, however, at the factory during construction. After becoming an owner, everyone personalizes and tries to "improve" their rigs. Ours--is no exception - changes continue.

People ADMIRE people who can whistle loudly enough to call a taxi. Can you? I've never been any good at tooting my own horn.

DO WE HAVE SCHEMERS IN CONGRESS? That's a question (?) What do you believe? Our Nation's positive stance the past 200 years is indisputable. Think on this! If it were not for the United States of America, the ENTIRE world would sink AGAIN into the Dark Ages! Dwell a moment on that statement — the one just made. It is that IMPORTANT to you (and me). If a very STRONG U.S.A. were not around to balance and protect a quarreling globe, the atheistic Soviet Union would swallow up one section of it at a time (sooner or later including Amerika) and would eventually rule the world as a condominium (ie-POLICE state). According to the very LATEST intelligence, there is no question about this. Powerful "Pink" editors are keeping the Iran/Contra crisis in the news. They'll continue to write big ugly headlines as long as diabolically possible. It is not that the Contra-AFFAIR is that ultra-important...it is more to push our conservative Commanderin-Chief into the sump and weaken his strength. Of course, not EVERYONE agrees. To the "Liberals" in Washington, these things are a sport they thrive on. An EXAMPLE of Congressional ineptness——ignoring (until too late) their own automatic super-pay hikes. But——overall, I'm PROUD to be an AMERICAN. There is no country on earth as GREAT as our own.

Sincerely, Sincerely, Sincerely, Executive Director

Notice: correction to Third Quarter Treasurer's Report, in Nov. N/L: one line under expenses was inadvertently left out: Add Arlene Ackerman, patches \$211.20 Totals shown in report will now be correct.

Treasurer's Report- Fourth Quarter, 198	6:	
Balance shown on last report:	3768.66	
Receipts: dues	1270.00	
Sheriff's fines-Fredericksburg	7.12	
Retainer check to D. Peterson- not cashed	100.00	
surplus from Sec'y. Edna Newhouse (newsletter)	204.09	
badges sold at Fredericksburg- M. Griggs	24.00	
58 registrations at \$5 each	290.00	
Raffle	21.45	
Contribution- G. W.	5.00	
stationery sold- R. Franz	6.00	
fanbelts and catalogs sold- J. Craig	59.80	
cash for check #175	8.00	
M. Grootenhaar- overage from N. Rally	87.32	
	29.48	
Benham Capital Management Group 1986 Interest Al-Gar FCU share & share draft accou		
	35.99	Note 1
1985 "	73.76	Note 1
1984 "	6171.06	NOVO 1
Total balance plus receipts:	0171.00	
Expenses: Edns Newhouse- Sec'y. expense (N/L)	500.00	
A. Ackerman- advance for March 1987 Rally (loan)	60.00	
J. Craig- authorized expenses	109.05	
M. Grootenhaar- advance for National Rally	200.00	
Allan Polus- Ernie Awards	350.00	
J. Craig- authorized expenses	48.41	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
State Farm- Liability Insurance	444.18	
Ernest Newhouse- cards, Calif. filing fee	31.37	
J. Craig- Logo expense	97.86	
Claire Hoffman- craft materials for Nat. Rally	34.99	
E. McCrary- Banner, flag	251.04	
N. Brining- craft materials for Nat. Rally	12.04	
Harwood's Printing Co. Nat. Rally materials	178.34	
June Phillips- 20th ann. cake at Nat'l. Pally	90.50	
Earl McCrary- flowers for N. Rally	82.92	
J. McMasters- phone expenses- N. Rally	6.55	
E.Grubb- for cash	8.00	
Das Fes Restaurant (two meals not paid for)	17.00	
J. Craig- badges made	28.00	
Postmaster- mailing November Newsletter	129.36	
Commercial Press Printing Coprinting Nov. N/L	367.50	
J. Craig-catalogs, telephone calls, mdse., etc.	137.05	
Clark's Corvair- 12 catalogs	32.10	
Total expenses:	3216.26	74.
Balance 1/1/87:	2954.80	Note 2

Note 1: these items were not previously shown as annual figures, although this money was in the accounts.

Note 2: Balance shown will probably be adjusted upward, as a result of pending audit, first one in three years.

Respectfully submitted, Louis C. Griggs, Treasurer UVMCC







A letter from Thelma Cook, #316:

To all my dear very dearest Ultra Friends, who sent me so many beautiful, loving, encouraging cards with loving notes of prayers and hopes to me during my illness and stay in the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. Words cannot really tell you how much it meant to me to see how much you cared. I read them over and over many times and felt I've just got to get over this and see all those dear friends again.

I've always known our Ultra friends are the very best friends anyone could have or find. Everyone is so willing to help with any problems that come up, which is even more great and wonderful for a "Lady Alone". I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the wonderful ways you

have helped me and my precious Ultra Van Coach.

Poor dear Coach 316 has been ailing, too. It could not make the last two rallies. Its power was so bad it could hardly make it over the traffic "Slow Down Bumps" in my Trailer Park. It is being overhauled now and will be home soon. It is also having "Plastic Surgery" on the rear end: and one of Jim Craig's famous beautifying rear windows. So besides running good, it will be looking good!

Hope to see you all "Down the Road". Hopefully at the Paradise Rally. Both of us should be better than new then. I'm doing fine--just did miss

having surgery. Thank the Lord, He sure had His hand on my shoulder.

Received so many cards, I haven't been up to answering them properly, but I want you to know how much I appreciate hearing from you and thank everyone for thinking of me.

LUV Ya, Thelma (Cookie) and "The Vagabond Turtle"

In early 1985 Joe & Meg Talarico, #514, while travelling in their coach were hit broadside by a woman in a small car. After settling with the insurance company, Joe bought the coach and had it taken home. The twelve foot long piece of aluminum skin under the picture window was ruined, as were the tanks; there was a lot of other damage, too. However, Joe says that the coach is now back together, and running. Our sincerest congratulations, Joe!

Congratulations to Pat & Jerry Zeaman for perseverence. The Post Office could not find "Treasurer" at this address, altho they have no trouble finding "occupant". Also, congratulations to Dick Waterhouse, whose dues arrived in an envelope with the cancellation "Philately The Family Hobby" right over where the stamp wasn't.

On a More sombre note: Edna Newhouse informs us that long-time member Blanche Elkins passed away from a heart attack on February 4. Our deepest sympathy to her family.





#### Publicity Committee Report

It was thought that there were potential members that were not aware of the Club for various reasons. So, using records provided by Edy Ryerson and Edna Newhouse, a mailing was prepared and sent to former members, new owners, and Tiara owners. Also, a few ads were placed (Corsa Communique and Trailblazer). This netted five new members.

Efforts will be continued next year. Mary Boso is designing a poster that we can all post at likely spots for motor home travellers to see. Other suggestions will be welcomed.

Bob Franz

#### New Members

#540 Thomas & Lorraine Piley Rt. 1, Box 233 Sullivan, ME 04607 Phone: 207-422-9966

#246 Jess & Sharon Rogers Rt. 9, Box 29 Springfield, IL. 62707 Phone: 217-528-4861

#376 Frank & Daurice Peterson P. O. Box 1062 Needles, CA 92363 Phone: 619-326-2932

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As of February 18, 1987 219 members have paid their 1987 duas. 22 more have not, and will not receive this newsletter.



#### What Is a Grandmother?

\* A grandmother is a lady who has no small children of her own. She likes other people's girls and boys. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and stuff like

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except to be there. They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It's enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horses are, and have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They should never say "hurry up."

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Usually, grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. Grandmothers don't have to be smart; only answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?' Grandmothers don't talk baby talk like visitors do because it's hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip or mind if it's the same story over again. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if they don't have television, because they are the only grownups who have time.

By a 3rd Grader

Ultra Coach #521 1970 Chev. 350 C.I. V-8 rebuilt from the ground up aprox 25,000 miles-4 speed-350 turbo transmission with approx 30,000 miles Engine and Trans oil coolers & gages Cooling air induction system on top of coach and engine air circulating shrouds installed --Bood paint, two tone beige 3 years old --Front bumper brakets modified to hold Honda Trail 90-- Honda in good condition is included--Inside in good condition-new coverings on bed cusions-plus numerous other improvements--Ready to travel--ASKING \$6,999. Will someone PLEASE make me an offer I can't refuse. Copy of maintance log and photos available upon request. B.C. DEATHERAGE (213)592-5661 or 3332 Admiralty Drive, Huntington Beach, California 926449

#450 Ultra Van. 1969 110 HP Corvair. 30000 miles; winter storage, many additionals. Best offer over \$5000. Tom Ellis, 1026 Beverly Rd., NE, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Phone 216-832-3682 evenings.

#### Other Items for Sale

New Ultra Van rear window- only two remaining, \$75 ea. New & used Corvair parts-SASE for list; new inside (white) canopy for Ultra-\$250 or trade. Jim Craig #65.

20th anniversary patches-like upper right hand corner of page one, this Newsletter-\$1 each if you catch me at a Rally; by mail, \$1 + .25 for postage. Louis Griggs, Easterm merchandising Chairman. Make out any checks to:.UVMCC. 32 in stock.

"New" Club Vests: contact your merchandise chairman to see his sample. Color blue, has your name over right pocket and Ultra Van Mtr. Coach Club embroidered in gold over left pocket. Made of blend of Dacron, polyester, and cotton twill, waist length style. Machine wash/dry. No ironing. Indicate name desired over right side pocket. Unisex. Sizes available: XS(30-32), S(34-36), NN(38-40), L(42-44), XL(46-48), XXL(50-52). Price, all sizes except XXL-\$19.99; XXL-\$21.99. Price includes shipping. Send check to Jim Craig #65. Make it out to him.

Available item- complete power train out of #497. 41000 miles on 110 Corvair. Complete, ready to run, except no alternator. Rebuilt two speed transmission (Powerglide). Located at Burnett Motors, 4307 Olivehurst Avenue, Olivehurst, California Phone 916-742-6416 (Don Elliott)

Available- The best quality used Corvair parts since 1961. Send SASE for list. #537-Charles W. Dye, 2902 N. 60th Drive, Phoenix, AZ. 85033. Phone 602-247-3272.

Official Ultra Van Club name badges— the kind that the Sheriff is looking for at Rallies. \$2.75 each, postpaid. Louis Griggs, E. merchandising chairman. Make any checks out to UVMCC, and let me know what name you want on each.

#### Coaches For Sale

#270 Ultra Van. Many extras, as radio, short wave, and screened rear exit; new door, screened.
Fred Grandville, R. R. #2, Box 2590, Land-O-Lakes, Florida 33539; Phone 813-996-3458.

#293 Ultra Van. 1967, auto trans. Brake system, wheel bearings, and U-joints recently checked and replaced as needed. Windshield good. New wheels and only 2500 miles on tires. Engine rough but made a 2500 mile trip in October 86. Minor interior and exterior maintenance needed. Best offer over \$4200. George Breeland, Phoenix, Arizona-Phone 602-841-0926.

#346 Ultra Van. 1968 110 HP Corvair, four speed transmission. New paint and bumpers, large rear window, new springs, shocks, brakes; rear wheel bearings repacked. 4000 miles on engine after overhaul. Patrick Coxsey, 707 First st. Apt. B, Lompoc, Calif. Phone 805-736-6064. \$6500 or trade for a larger motorhome.

#356 Ultra Van. 1968 32000 miles 110 Corvair automatic Ed Grubb, 2704 Fig St., Tampa, Florida 33609. Phone 813-876-4988 9 PM EDT. \$12000 OBO

#383 Ultra Van. Dennis D'Amico, 1218 South Electric Ave., Alhambra, California 91803. Phone-818-570-0012. Also has parts for sale.

#403 Ultra Van. 1968-110 Corvair. Walnut interior, Michelin tires, C. B. and TV, regular holding tank to sewer hook-up. \$8500. Patrick Keena, 20 The Cedars, 9801 Baymeadows rd., Jacksonville, Florida. Phone 904-641-2237.

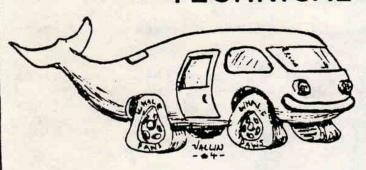
#440 Ultra Van.1969 110 Corvair automatic transmission. 1000 miles on engine since rebuild. 78000 miles on coach, very good condition throughout. SASE for photo, must sell-serious-no longerdriving Van. \$5995. 503-775-4469 Evelyn Shepherd.

#455 Ultra Van. 1969 110 HP Corvair- completely rebuilt engine and transmission. Fiberglass tanks. Interior in fair condition.
#547 Ultra Van. 1970 Chev. 307 c.i. V-8. New shocks and springs. In good running condition. No reasonable offer on either of these refused-we are desperate tosell-soon we are going to push 2 nicely running Ultras off the nearest cliff! Jack or Barbara Jacobsen, c/o The Engraver, 1227 Ashbridge Road, West Chester, Pa. 19380. Phone 215-430-0123. (even collect isok) Also, we'll include a free year's membership in the Ultra Club.

#492 Ultra Van. 1969 110 HP Corvair modified for increased low speed torque. Exceptionally clean inside and out. Repainted with beige urethane acrylic enamel. New carpeting, lined drapes, Venetian blinds. Make offer. Hal Honer, 30493 Kings Valley Drive, Conifer, Colorado 80433. Phone 303-838-5295.

Note: If you want an advertisement repeated in the next Newsletter, just mail the Secretary a post card, and say so.

# TECHNICAL WHALE TALES



"Technical Whale Tales is a collection of technical tips submitted by Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. members. Although the technical tips included in this section have been reviewed for technical content and are believed to be both acceptable and workable, no guarantee is implied that they will work correctly, nor is any liability assumed by either Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. or the author for any problems resulting from using these technical tips." Forward all technical tips to Jim Craig

Quote:

"Resealing all skin joints on the roof of the Ultra Van keeps

the interior nice and dry."

By Ultra Wrench

Included in this issue are several technical tips from the '86 National in addition to an update on the Pony Pumps, Vega point plate, tires and their speed ratings, also tips on cables, engine and auto transmission pan gaskets, and care of LP-Gas pressure regulator.

The updates are included first, so you can denote your previous newsletters as required.

Jim Craig Chairman

Whale Tip; Spring 1-87, "Vega Point Breaker Plate Update". Ref.: Ultra Manual Section 15, page 15-53.

Add the following info to Whale Tip: Winter 2-86; order your Vega plate under GM#1846456, list price is \$13.44.

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip; Spring 2-87, "Tires For the Ultra".

Ref.: Ultra Manual Section II, Page 11-5 and Whale Tip

Winter 3-85

Michelin Model "MXL"	205/70R14	6 Ply Tubeless	"C"	1580 LBS at 40 PSI	Tread: 2 rayon & 2 steel Sidewall: 2 rayon	Low profile & wider tread
Armstrong Model S.D. 200	700-14LT	6 Ply Tubeless	"C"	1310 LBS at 45 PSI	Tread: 4 ply nylon Sidewall: 4 ply nylon	For lighter Corvair powered Ultra 26" Diamounted

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 3-87, "Pony Pump Kit Update".

Ref.: Ultra Manual, Section 6, Page 6-13 and Whale Tip: Winter 4-86.

Include the following info to the previous printed details as noted above.

The rebuild kit that was noted in the Whale Tip, Winter 4-86, which was #SRK-2, contains a six-blade rubber impeller. This kit would be adequate for the shower drain, stool flush water and perhaps the overboard pump, but the pump that supplies your fresh water system should have a twelve-bladed impeller.

It has been arranged as of Dec. 1, 1986, that Proven Pump Corp. will now sell us a similar kit like the SRK-2, except that it will contain a twelve-bladed rubber impeller. The new kit number if "SRK-2A", cost is \$10.50 plus shipping. Twelve-bladed impeller can be purchased separately. Part number is "P100-3". Cost is \$8.00 each. The three or four holed lower chromed plate can also be purchased. Part number is "3MPU-6C for three-holed plate and "3MPU-P-6 for four-holed plate, \$4.00 each. Purchase from Proven Pump Corp., 1440 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213)223-4296 (ask for Heather).

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 4-87, "Speed Ratings of Tires".
Ref.: Ultra Manual Section II, Page 11-5.

Speed rating tells you more about a tire than how fast it will go.

Every tire sold in Europe carries a speed rating on it's sidewall. Speed ratings were established by the European Tire & Rim Technical Organization to ensure that the tires on a vehicle will perform safely at the vehicle's top speed.

If your car or Ultra is capable of speeds over 130 MPH, then you're required to fit it with tires rated for those speeds.

Below is a listing of fifteen commonly used speed rating categories and their maximum speeds:

F	=	50	MPH	М	=	81	MPH	S	=	112	MPH
G	=	56	MPH	N	=	87	MPH	T	=	118	MPH
J	=	62	MPH	P	=	93	MPH	U	=	124	MPH
K	=	68	MPH	Q	=	100	MPH	Н	=	130	MPH
L	=	75	MPH	R	=	106	MPH	٧	=	130	MPH

In addition, Z = 150 MPH.

Do we need speed ratings in the U.S.? With our 55 MPH (65 MPH soon in some areas) speed limit, you won't find many places where you can maintain a constant speed of 130 MPH without becoming acquainted with the law.



So what purposes do speed ratings serve in the U.S.? The ability to withstand higher sustained speeds is only one characteristic of a performance tire, and not necessarily the most important one. Speed ratings reflect all the performance features needed to operate a vehicle at its top speed, including heat resistance, traction and handling.

When comparing two tires of the same size, the tire with the higher speed category will run cooler and have the better handling and traction - even at 55 MPH.

Some advantages of a performance tire: holds the road better, corners better, less likely to skid in wet weather, and better braking.

You can improve braking performance by 10-15% by replacing your 75 series tires with a set of low profile 60 or 70 series tires.

Courtesy 4 Day Tire Centers and Jim Craig #65 Whale Tip: Spring 5-87, "Proper Torque for Wheel Lug Nuts". Ref. Ultra Manual Section II, Page 11-5.



Custom wheels, primarily the aluminum type, require special steel, chrome plated lug nuts. These are of different sizes, type and lengths. The reason for a proper torque of the lug nuts is because unlike a steel dished rim, the alum wheel does not compress the dish/spider area when you tighten down the lug nut. So if you over torque or tighten them too much, you will most likely twist the stud off of the wheel hub. Most manufacturers will recommend a torque of 45FT LBS to 55FTLBS depending on the type wheel and applications. Follow your manufacturer's recommended torque settings.

After initial torque, drive van or car 25 or more miles and then recheck torque. Recheck every 2,000-5,000 miles after that.

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 6-87, "What Fuels to Use". Ref. Ultra Manual Section 13, Page 13-1.

Most areas of the U.S. now only have "regular leaded", unleaded and super unleaded gasoline. We are fortunate because the engines in our Ultra's (Corvair and Chev. V8) will perform with the new unleaded fuels without any adverse problems, unless you are towing another Ultra. Both types of engines mentioned above have harden valve seats and with a little common sense in the proper use of the existing fuels, we should get a lot of mileage out of our existing engines.

It is a proven fact that "lead" added to gasoline lubricates the valves, seats and guides in addition to raising the octane rating in some cases. (Note: An oil additive or engine oil added to gasoline reduces the octane rating.)

So what is recommended? The following will provide overall good results, but can be improved by the addition of expensive fuel additives such as 104 Octane, etc.:

#### Type of Engine Fuel Type or Mix Ratio

- 1. (Hi Comp 3 gals regular leaded w/7 gals super unleaded (Low Comp 3 gals regular leaded w/7 gals of unleaded
- 2. (Hi Comp Super unleaded w/additive mixed every other tank fill-up (Low Comp Regular leaded only

Take your choice of #1 or #2, whichever works good with your particular engine.

Most gasoline suppliers have a "lead substitute" you can purchase at the station. Approximate cost is \$1.50-\$2.00.

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 7-87, "Spark Plug Cables" (Corvair) Ref.: Ultra Manual, Section 13, Page 13-10

There are possibly quite a number of manufacturers that make sparkplug cables for the Corvair engine, but the four listed below are still available and have proved to be of good quality:

- Clark's Corvair Parts
   "Magwire", #C4636, \$14.75 per set
   TV & Radio Supression Type. (Very good) Orig. type boots
- Otto Parts
   "Silicone Wire", #PW-164, \$20.00 per set
   TV & Radio Suppression type. (Very good) Orig. type boots
- Silicone Wire Systems
   Orig. Style \$30.00 per set. (Very good)
   3462 Kirkwood Drive, San Jose, CA 95117
- 4. Borg Warner "Koolwire", \$17.95 a set 5 year warranty Orig. style boots (avail. from local supplier)

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 8-87, "Push/Pull Control Cables".
Ref.: Ultra Manual Section 19, Page 19-4 (Power Plant).

Heavy Duty Flexible Steel Push/Pull Control Cables--for distributors and accelerators, so that you can manual adjust timing from dash and to remove accelerator wire to inside of coach. These cables are available in sizes from 2' to 20'. Styles vary, some are neoprene outer cover and

some are steel coil flex metal. Diameters are from 3/16" to 1/2". Some also are bulkhead and some conventional. Specify length needed. Price: \$1.00 per linear foot, P/N 0307. Order from: E.T. Supply Co., P.O. Box 78190, 5055 Exposition Blve., Los Angeles, CA 90016, (213) 734-2430.

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 9-87, "Gaskets-Engine & Auto Trans Pans" Ref.: Ultra Manual, Section 13, Page 13-27 and 13-35.

An excellent gasket for the standard engine and auto trans. oil pans is made by "Fel-Pro." These are made of a rubber type composite material. Available from your local parts store.

Jim Craig #65

Whale Tip: Spring 10-87, "LP-Gas Pressure Regulator". Ref.: Ultra Manual, Section 7, Page 7-4.

The LP-Regulator is an item we all take for granted that it is always doing its job. But is it? It does require some maintenance such as checking it for small leaks, making sure the vent section is unobstructed and pointing downward to prevent moisture and debris from entry. Check valve exterior for any signs of corrosion. Replace if any is found. If you have a hose installed over the vent pipe - remove it at the valve end and verify that it is clear inside the hose by blowing through it.

Jim Craig #65

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To provide a toll free phone line to give assistance to CORVAIR OWNERS NATION WIDE, what ever their need or question.

To offer the same assistance to owners of Corvair related vehicles such as Ultra Vans.

To have an 800 number that refered to the vehicle. This was done with the assistance of AT&T 800 phone service. The number containing the words THE VAIR was the only combination still available nation wide and we are very lucky to have it. To have such a number adds to the vehicles prestige and in turn improves its value and desirability. The fact that it is easily remembered is also a big plus.

Unfortunately, since the break up of AT&T, we were unable to use the same number in California without excessive cost and therefore had to settle on--THE REO 3--for California.

To help Corvair owners that suffer a highway breakdown, away from home and out of reach of their normal supply of parts, advice and help from family or friends. Assistance is as close as the nearest phone. With the help of a computer bank, information is available on near by parts vendors, Corvair service and Vair enthusiasts that live in the area. In many cases a problem can be diagnosed over the phone.

To receive, store and distribute information on the availability of vehicles for sale. At present there is no charge for this service.

To assist members with technical problems. No one knows all the answers but if we dont, we can find out. Corvair owners are a wealth of information.

To assist Corvair owners in finding parts vendors both local and nation wide.

To inform Corvair owners that there is a national organization of Corvair owners called the Corvair Society Of America (CORSA) and where to find near by chapters.

To provide this service for a membership fee that any Corvair owner can afford. (\$5. Per. year for a family membership)

To provide service from 8:30 AM TO 11 PM (California time). However, since the help works for free, they may be out to lunch at times, so try again later. On the other hand, calls are welcome seven days a week including holidays.

To keep the phone bills as reasonable as possible, members should call after 5 PM (California time) or on weekends. Of course anytime is acceptable with an emergency.

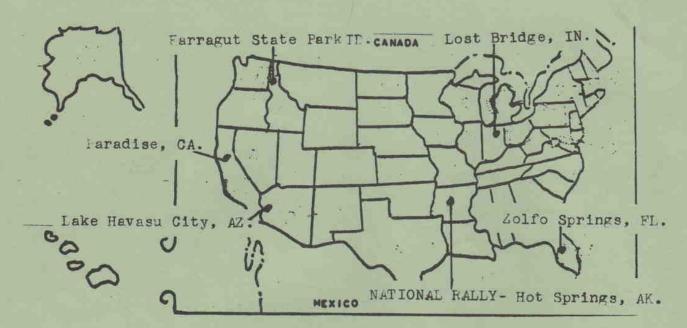
To promote information on this service until all Corvair owners everywhere are aware of---CORVAIR ASSISTANCE.

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