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ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB,
LOUIS C. GRIGGS, SECRETARY
626 BROOKFIELD AVENUE
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502



The Magic Of Christmas!



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ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.

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Officers: 1990 Ultra Year

President: Robert Franz #472; Vice President: Gladys Bell
Secretary: Louis Griggs #334; Treasurer: Kathy Polus, #401
1989 Ernest Newhouse Award Recipient: Mel Dinesen #200
Technical Chairman: Walt Davison #366
Regional Rally Chairmen: East - Jean McMasters #330
West - Harold Washmuth #326

All reports of Regional Rallies, advertisements, etc. are to be forwarded to the Secretary. Amendments suggested to the Club By-Laws are to be sent to the President. Technical tips are to be sent to the Technical Chairman. Deadlines for Newsletter inputs are: November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 1.

From: Office of the President

Subject: 1989 National Rally Business Report at Ruidoso, NM.
October 3, 1989

The subject Rally was held with a quorum of members present. The following items of business were transacted, and by this report are placed in record.

The election results are as follows:

President--Robert Franz
Vice President--Gladys Bell
Secretary--Louis Griggs
Treasurer--Kathy Polus
Eastern Director--Norm Helmkey
Western Director--Nobia Suckow
Newhouse award--Mel Dinesen

The Officers and Directors, and date of expiration of their respective terms of office are as follows:

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| President-- | Robert Franz | October 1991 |
| Vice President-- | Gladys Bell | October 1990 |
| Secretary-- | Louis Griggs | October 1990 |
| Treasurer-- | Kathy Polus | October 1990 |
| Director, West-- | Art Eller (previously held by Gladys Bell) | October 1990 |
| Director, East-- | Pete Schuler | October 1990 |
| Director, West-- | Roberta Franz | October 1991 |
| Director, East-- | Lynn Hunter | October 1991 |
| Director, West-- | Nobia Suckow | October 1992 |
| Director, East-- | Norm Helmkey | October 1992 |
| Director, Honorary-- | Jim Craig | October 1991 |
| Executive Honorary Directors-- | Ernest & Edna Newhouse | (indefinite) |

Appointed Committee Chairmen are as follows:

Rally Chairman, East--Jean McMasters

Rally Chairman, West--Nobia Suckow

Public Relations--Robert Franz

Technical Editor--Corvair-

Assistant Technical Editor--V-8-

Merchandise Chairman, East--Al Driggers

Merchandise Chairman, West--Mory Snyder

Merchandise Purchase Chairman--Jim Craig

Historian--Norm Helmkey

Ultra Van Historian--Christy Barden

Nominating Committee for 1990 Election--Chairman, Norm Helmkey; Art Eller

Awards Chairman--Jim Craig

The ballot count was reported at this Rally's General Meeting, and is officially noted as follows:

Newhouse Award Mel Dinesen 35 votes

Marian Grootenhaar--5, Howard Boso--5, Kathy Polus--5, Bil Helander--2,

Walt Davison--3, Louis Griggs--2, Neva Brining--4, Elga Green--2, Chance

Fitzgerald--2, Jean McMasters--3, Robert Ackerman--1, Jim Craig--3.

President: Robert Franz--71, Walt Davison--1

Vice President: Gladys Bell 65, Jean McMasters 1

Secretary: Louis Griggs--79

Treasurer: Kathy Polus--69

Director, West: Nobia Suckow--69

Director, East: Norm Helmkey--76

A merchandise package was approved to be sold to all members, especially new member, at a price of \$10.00 (reg. \$14.00) The package will consist of the following: an "Ultra" arm/cap patch, an "Ultra" window decal, a set (25 ea) of large folding cards, a set (50 ea.) small calling cards, Club badge (2 ea. per couple), a Club History book, and a plastic "I love my Ultra".

Silver stars and gold oak leaf clusters were awarded to qualified members. A list of these is in the General Meeting minutes. These members qualified for the 100,000 mile award at this time: Robert & Roberta Franz, Jean & Bette McMasters, Hal & Simone Honer.

The 1990 National Rally will be held in Franklin, Texas September 30-October 7, 1990. Rally Chairperson, Marian Grootenhaar.

The elected officers and directors were officially installed as required by the Club's By-Laws.

President, Robert Franz

This report was read and approved by the members present.

SPECIAL NOTICE

IF THIS NEWSLETTER HAS THIS **FINAL
ISSUE**

STAMPED ON THE ADDRESS SIDE YOU NEED TO SEND THE TREASURER \$15.00 SO THAT SHE GETS IT BEFORE FEBRUARY 10.

IF YOU DO NOT SEND HER THE \$15.00 BY THAT TIME, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

PLAY IT SAFE: SEND IN YOUR CHECK NOW. USE FORM ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.

Minutes of the General Meeting on Oct. 2nd, 1989, at Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jim Craig at 1:40 PM.

The song, "Spirit of Ultra" was sung.

The Secretary, Marlene Craig read the minutes of the previous General Meeting. Walt Davison made a motion that the minutes be approved and that was seconded by Gordon Harvey. Vote was unanimous for approval.

Mel Dinesen, Wagon Master, reported that there is a total of 51 coaches in this rally.

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| 15 Calif. | 2 Colorado | 1 New Jersey |
| 10 Florida | 1 Alabama | 1 New York |
| 6 Arizona | 1 Texas | 1 Indiana |
| 2 New Mex. | 1 Idaho | 1 Miss. |
| 3 Canada | 2 Michigan | 1 Missouri |
| 2 Ohio | 1 No. Dakota | |

Guests were: Peggy Pelton with Evelyn Shepherd
Eric Frid and Marian Grootenhaar with Threasa Vandersteeg
Mabel & Russ Gotchall with Warren & Nobia Suckow

Then the first time participants in a rally were acknowledged and introduced.

Robert Franz made announcements concerning the evening events. A man from the Chamber of Commerce will speak after our dinner tonight.

Longest Distance Award was discussed and Len and Edy Ryerson will receive this award. The award for the shortest distance will go to Ike and Nell Morgan.

The Hard Luck Award was given to Pat and Margie Fitzgerald for their problems in getting to this rally.

The Helper award was given to Bonnie Granger for helping another Ultra member.

Art Eller and Norm Helmkey will be our 1990 Chairmen of the Nominating Committee for the 1991 election.

The President asked if anyone had celebrated their 50th anniversary within the last year so that they could sign the Club's record of this event. As it turned out, Mel and Millie Dinesen were celebrating their 53rd anniversary today. Big applause for them.

The silver stars for the original owners of Ultras were given to those present. The list of the recipients are:

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| Newhouse | Griggs | Robinson | Laslo | Steenburg |
| Peterson | Tefft | Truman | Helander | Plante |
| Mathews | Blanton | Morgan | Greene | Ryerson |
| Green | Whitesides | Waterhouse | Bartlett | Phillips |
| Cook | Miller | Yakel | Reyburn | Nelson |

The oak leaf cluster was also awarded for each 100,000 miles driven in the Ultra. This list included:

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| Franz | Yakel | Reyburn | O'Mara | Fitzgerald, P. | Hull |
| Green | Hunter | Robinson | Smith, C. | Baker | Dinesen |
| Griggs | Fleming | Morgan | Suckow | Musser | Smith, R. |
| Ackerman, R. | Fitzgerald, C. | Newhouse | Elkins | Martin | |
| Lyles | Leary | Ryerson | Steenburg | Helander | |
| Snyder | Casselmann | Gordon | Brinning | | |

The President announced that there will be two new Merchandising Chairmen. (1 East, 1 West) They will be Al and Jan Driggers and Mory and Ester Snyder. The new decals for the inside of the windshield should be available by January through these chairmen.

A packet of merchandise for new members was suggested by Al Driggers at the Board of Directors meeting. This will include:

- 1 or 2 badges
- 1 cap patch
- 1 decal
- 1 set (25ea.) folding cards
- 1 set (50ea.) calling cards
- 1 history
- 1 plastic "I Luv My Ultra"

Other merchandise available now is as follows:

- Clarks catalog reduced to \$1
- New CORSA membership roster for \$4

Rallies:

Nov. 3-19th Group Ultra Mini Rally in the High Desert, Joshua Tree, CA. Hosts are Craigs and the Ballews.

Nov. 10-12th at the Palm Springs Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, Palm Springs, CA. Hosts will be the Inland Empire Corvair Club.

Jan. 27-28th at the Miami Rally. Hosts will be Walter and Marilyn Davison. The rally will be held at the time of the Florida National RV Show in Miami.

Feb. 5-8th at Quartsite, AZ. Paul Rowland will host.

April 17-22nd near Alpine, CA. (San Diego area) Hosts will be Polus, Perlich and Donaldson.

March 25- April 7th at Lake Wales. Rally will be hosted by the Schulers and the Houcks.

June 18-24th at Cottonwood Lakes in Versailles, Ohio. Whitesides, Walthers and Brining will host.

July 20-22nd at the South Jetty in Eureka, CA. Craigs, Franz and Snyders will host.

Sept. 30- Oct. 7th for the National Rally to be held in Franklin, TX at the White RV Park (\$9.00 per night) Marian Grootenhaar will host. There will also be an Air Show south of Dallas after the rally.

The election and the installation of officers were discussed. Clyde Stanton, Mory Snyder, Bonnie Granger, and Ruth Boydston were appointed to count the ballots.

Francis Boydston announced that he has applications for the Palm Springs Rally.

A moment of silence was observed to remember those who have passed away and for those that are ill.

Marian Grootenhaar expressed a desire for a short descriptive article about each Ultra member. Ernest Newhouse made a motion that was seconded by Ernie Perlich that Marian write these articles. Arnold Steenburg suggested that these would be nice in a year-book form.

The election results were announced as follows:

President - Robert Franz 71, Walt Davison 1
Vice-President - Gladys Bell 65, Jean McMasters 1
Secretary - Louis Griggs 79
Treasurer - Katherine Polus 69
Western Director - Nobia Suchow 69
Eastern Director - Norm Helmkey 76

Ernest Newhouse Award - Mel Dinesen 35, Marian Grootenhaar 5, Howard Bozo 5, Jim Craig 3,
Katherine Polus 2, Bill Helander 2, Louis Griggs 2, Neva Brining 4
Elga Green 2, Walt Davison 3, Chance Fitzgerald 2, Jean McMasters 3
Robert Ackerman 1.

Ernest Newhouse mentioned that the numbers for the Ultra coaches are available now.

Warren Suckow would like to see signs listing names and where the people are from in each coach. George and Ruth Whiteside said they got their sign at a State Fair.

Francis Boydston brought up the discussion of the camp fee (\$9 versus \$10) Len Ryerson made the motion that even though it was a verbal agreement, it should be left as is at \$10. This was seconded by Al Driggers and the vote was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Craig

Marlene Craig
Secretary



ULTRA VAN QUARTZSITE, AZ. RALLY
1990



ULTRA VAN RALLY

Quartzsite Gem and Mineral Show

Feb. 5 thru Feb. 8

Quartzsite, Az.

Hosts: Paul and Charlotte Rowland #460

Come Early and Stay Late

No Hook-ups

Water, Dump, LPG Nearby for Fee

Parking: Approximately \$6.00 per Day

Emergency Phone: Sheriff's Office

Emergency Clinic

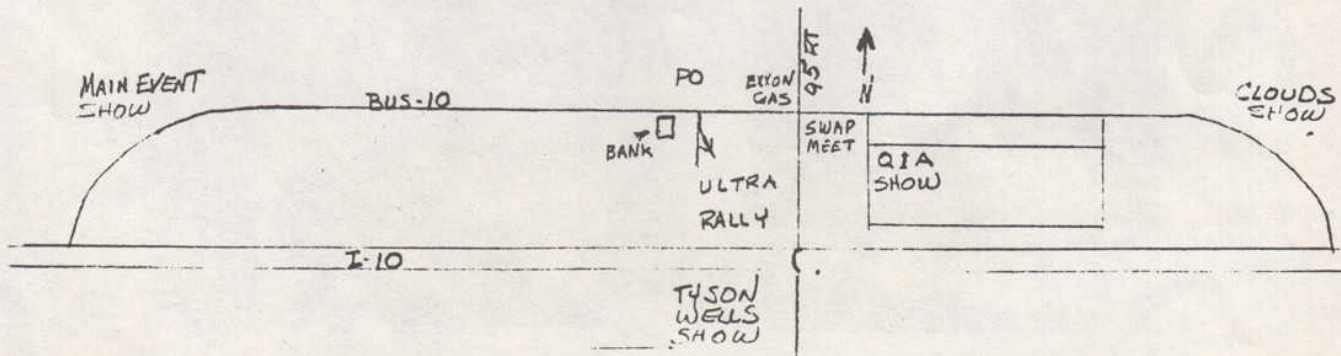
Walk to All Shows

World's Largest Gem and Mineral Show
and Flea Market--5000 Vendors

No Planned Activities

Come Enjoy the Sun!

"Where the Summer Spends the Winter"



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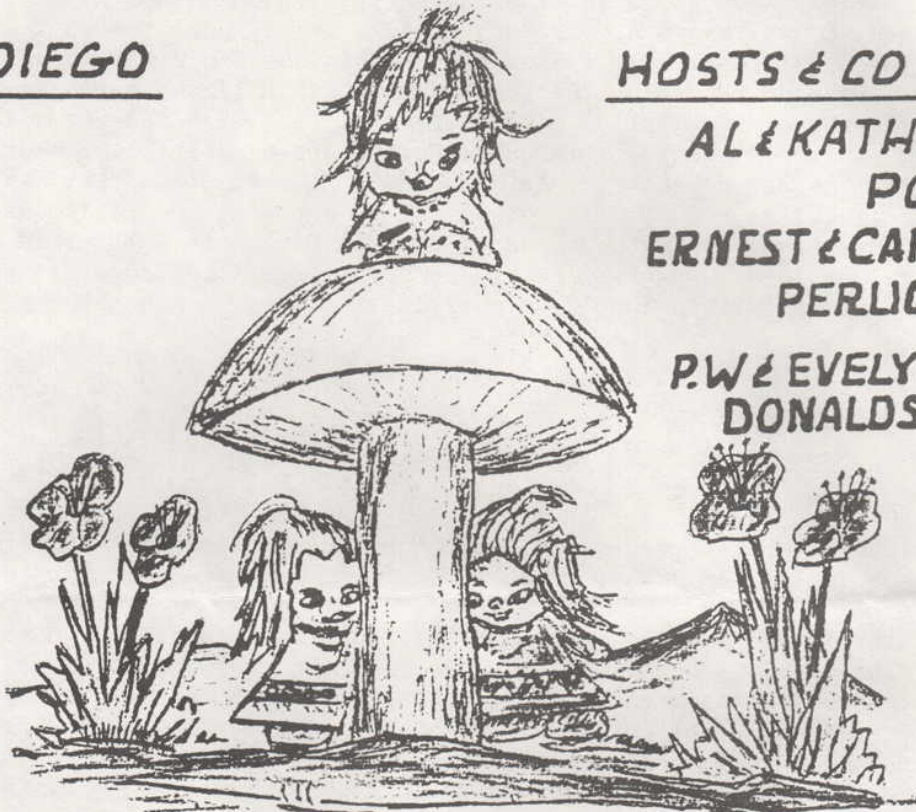
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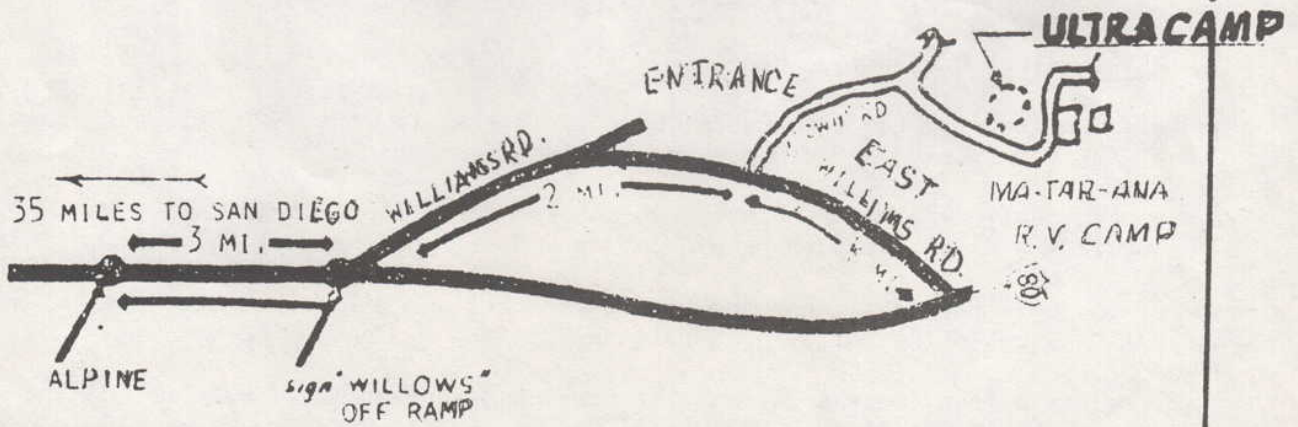
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ERNEST & CAROL
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P.W. & EVELYN
DONALDSON



APRIL — 1990

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HOST-HOSTESS REPORT OF NATIONAL RALLY AT RUIDOSO

The Ultra Spirit was there! Everyone was cheerful and offering help. The weather was ideal; the facilities good; interesting activities; pleasant happening such as the Space Museum & Omnivax at Alamagordo: the Flying JRanch; the Banquet with Marian Grootenhaars' funny skit featuring pantominists Don Richards and Ruth Boydston: Mel Dinesen receiving the Ernie Award with Millies' support: Maybel Griggs shipping the craft supplies to the Circle B Park when she was unable to attend and the ladies directed by Threasa, Ruth, Marian, Nell, Jane and Claire doing fine with crafts and games; Ernie Newhouse's Financial Seminar; Hank Yakel starting the big coffee pot at 6:30 am; Al Polus' choir at the religious services; Sherriff Hemstreet improvising new laws; AND Walt Davison's well planned and conducted tech sessions----- To everyones surprise, 51 units were there. Five more were known to be within 1 or 2 days of leaving home when something unforeseen interferred.



AND NOW, DIFFERENT HATS



We look forward to further progress of the Club through the same co-operative spirit as was shown at the Rally.

We congratulate Jim and Marlene Craig for the many accomplishments under their leadership. The Club has benifitted greatly from their dedicated efforts. There does not seem to be any major changes needed at this time; the by-laws are working well. Remember, if you feel ant adjustments are needed, write up the proposal, get five supporting signatures, and the matter will be put to a vote by the Club. Example; some have felt that the mechanism for choosing the Ernie Award Recipient should be altered. What do you think?

NEEDS

Pick Rally Sites as far ahead as possible, particularly the National.

ALSO, Select Club Office Candidates well ahead of elections.

The following have agreed to serve as Host & Hostess for the 1990 Rally at Franklin, Texas: The McMasters, The Schulers, and Marian Grootenhaar.

It has been mentioned that V-8 owners do not get sufficient consideration at the Tech Sessions. We will try to have a leader and back-up for both Corvair and V-8s.

Some of the committee chairmen have been approached and will serve during this term. The list will be in the following Newsletter.

Art Eller has agreed to be a director, replacing Gladys Bell who was elected Vice-President.

Please give Secretary Louis Griggs and Treasurer Cathy Polus your co-operation as they have heavy Club responsibilities.

Best wishes from Bob & Roberta Franz

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November, 1989

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

December 1989

"PROMISE YOURSELF: To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind....To be just as ENTHUSIASTIC about the success of others as you are about your own....To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize friends....To look on the sunny side of EVERYTHING and make your optimism come true." --- The Optimist Creed

THE SOLID SILVER ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL: Many club members have worked so hard (and so long) towards organizational BETTERMENT that it is difficult to select the proper individual for this great AWARD each year. Several deserving persons have received the sterling honor to date, such as Len, Gus, Edy, Fred, Threasa, Lou (Griggs), Mory, and THIS year the recipient was Mel Dinesen. Note the sketch---please pardon my weak caricature efforts. Oh, it's Mel alright...indicated by the Clip Board he holds, his ULTRA thoughts, and don't miss that sparkling Newhouse Silver Awards Medal he was voted to receive at Ruidoso, and proudly wears. Another person will be honored in 1990-----whose name will be engraved on that award? There will be no guidance at all. All of us need keep our eyes open for those who have, over the years, been working for club excellence--then VOTE for the person you feel is deserving. Our sincere congratulations go to EVERY Silver Medal winner and our THANKS to all the Officers, Directors, and Committees that served so well this past year.



THE FEDERAL RESERVE: Some analysts believe that the Federal Reserve, presently headed by Alan Greenspan, can ELIMINATE economic cycles. One opinion is that the Federal Reserve doesn't prevent recessions, depressions, or inflationary cycles--- it causes them. We'd welcome YOUR opinion on this controversial issue.

INVESTMENT IDEAS: Of course, everyone knows that the economy IS slowing down. Some of us are taking advantage of the present situation. We have no axe to grind, but other club members might wish to DIVERSIFY their holdings to reduce danger. We still like the stronger dividend-paying UTILITY shares, such as: Oklahoma Gas and Electric (symbol OGE) now around \$35; Pacific Corp (PPW) \$42 prox; So.Cal.Edison (SCE) about \$36. All these are consensus-rated BUY now. Call your local discount broker, if interested. Advisors suggest "round lots" of 100 shares. No one can be right all the time, but we think select Utilities will PROSPER even if the general economy continues to weaken. People may have to get along without a new car, furniture, or appliances, etc., but they can not be very "comfortable" without electricity, gas, water, or telephones. Such are considered NECESSITIES, not mere-conveniences these days.

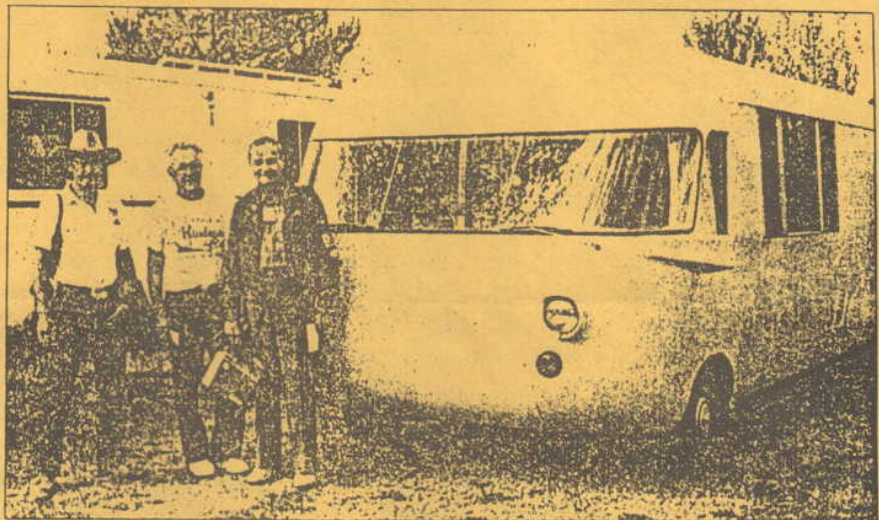
SOLOMON: It is written that Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines. Now, I wonder, did I spell that last word right?

SOCIAL SECURITY: The Social Security Administration has a NEW nationwide (toll free) phone number. It is #1(800)234-5772. Anyone may call about his or her account balance, potential retirement payout, or any other question. Keep this number handy to save trips to the SS office.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: Abe Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg Address while traveling to Washington on the back of an envelope. Oh, that English language!

FINAL ON PERSONALITIES: As stated in a previous article, NO TWO humans are alike. So called "identical twins" may look alike but have strikingly different personalities. Some traits we "hold" are hereditary, others may be unintentionally acquired, or intentionally learned. Each one of us has genetic differences, and so on. Some people, for example, love to brag. Of course, not you (and NOT me). Most of us feel too conservative for that. WE don't have egos! Well? You and I are far too modest. But everyone likes to recall special events, such as a past accomplishment, places we've been to, how wonderful a husband (or wife) is (or was), that bright grandchild, or such. If you mention these things to a friend or write about them, are you bragging or blowing? On the other hand, there ARE people with "Mouth Disease" and these folk should stop to THINK before they speak or write. Will the recipient be offended? Experts conclude, though, the EXTROVERT person who is outgoing and verbal will be accepted more quickly than the introvert type. LESSON: Let's ALL become extroverts.

NEW MEXICO: Heading towards picturesque Albuquerque, we had a first-ever experience---a (like new) tire decided to unwrap its steel-belt tread. Two very kind Texas 18-wheeler truck drivers shielded us from freeway traffic until the spare was installed. There are many GOOD people in the world. As usual, #603 performed superbly the entire trip out and return. The Ultra National Convention couldn't have been held at a nicer location. At about 7,000' altitude, some of us puffed when out



hiking. NM is one grand state amongst our fifty total and RUIDOSO was very hospitable. The Ruidoso Newspaper reporter came out to ask questions and take pictures. Having requested a "tear" sheet, they sent one. Three of us were asked to stand for the photo reproduced above: past president Jim Craig, our newly-elected president Dr. Robert Franz, and myself. As is typical with roving-reporters, much of the Ultra Club story written up was with errors, plus misspelling of a name or two. But THAT is journalism.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? What is the difference BETWEEN the nation's S&L's and America's BANKS? This is a good question to ponder on now. The only really correct ANSWER is, "A couple of years." Analysts say BANKS next.

MAINTAINING THE BREED: At the Convention it made me feel good all over to see the large number of Ultras with new paint jobs and most others polished up and looking SHARP. There is no better way to maintain the value of our coaches than a clean and shiny outside. Our bumpers got re-painted again last week. The pint of good enamel, plus----the half-hour it takes to do them, I think, is effort well spent in overall good appearance. The cost to do the entire rig is low if one does it himself--rent a compressor and buy a couple gallons of Dupont or other Auto/Truck enamel. If Anita Tefft (or I) can do it, ANYONE can. Let's all promote the Ultra Van Breed.

Sincerely,
Spunk



New Members

Corrigan, Donald (Reinstated)
2050 Monument Blvd. #7
Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523
Phone-- Coach #285

Anderson, Andy
14 Fifty Foot Road
Willington, CT. 06279
Phone 203-429-1843 Coach #540

Lamond, Craig & Lea (Reinstated)
1165 Azalea Court
Nipomo, CA. 93444
Phone 805-929-5439 Coach #005

Tekaatt, Leonard & Brenda
1943 Driftwood Street
Bakersfield, CA. 93309
Phone: 805-397-9189 Coach #220

Muranaka, Roy & Jane
11119 Salt Lake Avenue
Northridge, CA. 91326
Phone: 818-366-9602 Coach A-357

Bates, Ralph & Vicki
2900 Six Mile Road
Athen, MI. 49011
Phone 616-729-4078 Coach #313

Timm, Bruce & Helen
N. 3816 Park Road
Brodhead, WI. 53520
Phone 608-897-2460 Coach #347

Driggers, Allen Sr. (W)
208 Eaugallie #77
Indian Harbor Bench, FL. 36293
Phone --- Coach #518

Driggers, Allen Sr. (S)
212 San Marco Ave. #130
St. Augustine, FL. 32084

A letter from Lea Lamond says that their current Ultra Van is a Travelon; it is numbered 005 in two places; it is 24' long, and has dual wheels in the rear.

A few notes from the new Secretary. The only editing that I plan to do is correct spelling, arrange information, hopefully in a logical sequence, and eliminate redundancy. (same information twice). Handwritten material, if sent a little before the deadline, can be reduced to computer printout, such as this. Please send flyers for upcoming Rallies, but not in color. The printing process makes everything black or white.

We need a new Directory. A checkup revealed 43 changes to be made in the 1988 version. Board of Directors will probably have to authorize this.

Back issues. There is in stock with the Secretary a small supply of the following issues: Winter--1988; Spring--1989; Summer--1989; Fall--1989. If you would like to have any of these, please send an unlicked 65c stamp for each, and specify which ones that you want.

Upcoming Rallies--See Page Four

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.
Treasurer's Report, October 31, 1989

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| Checking Account Balance (Last Report) May 15, 1989 | | \$ 2,950.25 |
| Benham Capital Management Money Fund | | 2,000.46 |
| Balance as of May 15, 1989 | | \$ 4,950.71 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 926.25 | |
| Benham Capital Management Interest | 82.82 | |
| Refund on Newsletter Expenses | 75.10 | |
| Merchandising & Badges | 82.01 | |
| T Shirts (National Rally) | 534.50 | |
| Registration (National Rally) | 255.00 | |
| Circle B RV (Deposit Refund) | 270.00 | |
| Bus, Space Center & Flying J Dinner | 1,010.00 | |
| Crafts (National Rally) | 92.75 | |
| Sheriff (National Rally) | 8.05 | |
| Total Receipts | | 3,336.48 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Four Ernie Award Medallions | \$ 406.60 | |
| Newsletter Expenses (May & Sept) | 429.80 | |
| Liability Insurance | 501.97 | |
| Silver Stars & Oak Leaf Clusters | 96.80 | |
| 1990 National Rally Deposit | 50.00 | |
| T Shirts (National Rally) | 689.60 | |
| Secretary of State Corp. Filing Fee | 2.50 | |
| Bus, Space Center & Flying J Dinner | 1,128.13 | |
| National Rally Host Expenses | 90.92 | |
| Presidential Expenses | 27.78 | |
| Wire Transfer (National Rally-Cash to California Bank) | 10.65 | |
| November Newsletter Advance | 500.00 | |
| L. Griggs Secretary Expenses | 16.16 | |
| Total Disbursements | | 3,950.91 |
| Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 1989 | | 2,335.82 |
| Benham Capital Management Money Fund | | 2,000.46 |
| Treasury Balance as of October 31, 1989 | | \$ 4,336.28 |

FOR SALE

Ultra Van Windshield and Front Side Window Covers. This is a three piece set. Each cover can be installed separately. Side window covers can also double as screens to keep the insects out. The covers are off-white in color or you can special order in brown, creme or white. Material for covers is called, Shelter-Rite "Poly-R" Fabric. It is a 7 oz. vinyl coated polyester fabric, which has superior resistance to ultra-violet rays. It is an extremely strong fiber for added years of product service. It can be cleaned with mild detergent or for heavy soil or grease, T.S.P. or 409 may be used. The set comes with stainless steel snaps installed, snap receptacles to install on coach, instructions and a heavy duty storage bag. Material shields out 90% of sunrays, vision out is good, others cannot see in. Price is \$89.95 plus shipping. Installation free, if I'm at the next rally. Jim Craig #271, (619) 366-9104

VEHICLES

#267 1967 Ultra Van. 110 HP Corvair in excellent condition. Engine, transmission, differential, steering and shocks replaced or rebuilt 30,000 miles ago. All brakes and wheel bearings rebuilt 20,000 miles ago. External transmission cooler and oil cooler installed. New radials, new Emerson 13,500 BTU roof air, new AC/DC refrigerator, new Microwave/Broiler, new AM/FM stereo cassette, new Cobra 40 ch. CB, new 6" foam queen size mattress. Instant hot water heater, Steer Safe, custom installation of 4 kw Onan generator for pleasure and comfort. Recently repainted, and good instrumentation. Cruise Control, etc. ready to travel \$7450. Allen Driggers, 3676 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Fl. 32084. Phone (904) 824-2075

#271 1967 Ultra Van. 140 HP Corvair, Auto Trans. with 4.11:1 gears. Original roof air cond., interior panels and all glass very good. Toilet and all tanks good. New dump valve installed. Alum. mag. spoke wheels with 195-14 Radial tires. Engine & 4.11 gears have approx. 15000 miles since rebuild. Paint is original white. Rear R/H fiberglass panel needs repair of cracks. \$4950. (\$3500 w/o 140 HP engine). Jim Craig. Phone (619) 366-9104.

#518 1970 Ultra Van. 350 c.i.d. V-8 and 3 speed transmission, rebuilt 15,000 miles ago. Brakes rebuilt. Windshield and all glass good. Awning, T. V. antenna, full screens, including screen door. Equipment includes: new radials, new interior rugs, new fully adjustable seats, new 13,500 BTU roof air, new dash covering & trim, 2 new deep cycle batteries, new starter, new mufflers, new fans, etc.; new Cobra 40 ch. CB. Credenza and original heater removed for couch installation, but available. \$7500. Allen Driggers, 3676 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Fl. 32084. Phone (904) 824-2075.

VIXEN 21

21 Foot, 30 mpg luxurious fiberglass Grand Touring vehicle. Millions of dollars in engineering and development-factory produced. As completed units for 3 years. The company's gone out of business. We now have remaining bodies and chassis available as kits.



Build a Vixen on your Chassis, or on one of our remaining factory built chassis

BODY KITS

\$1,595.00 to \$3,595.00

CHASSIS

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| BMW Turbo Diesel | \$6,500.00 |
| GMC Gas | \$6,500.00 |

BODY AND CHASSIS PLUS

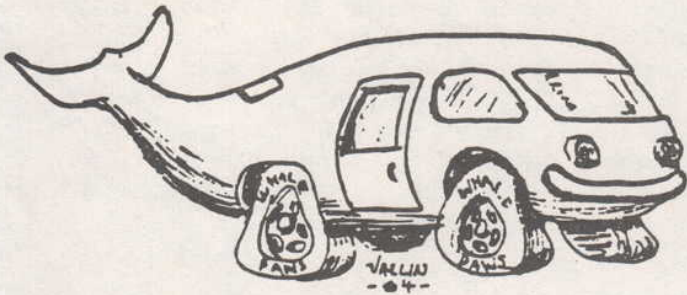
\$9,500.00

Please call or write for more information:

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2944 Waterview Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
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TECHNICAL WHALE TALES



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ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #22-89: Instruments, Stewart-Warner. Index Ultra Manual, Section 15, page 15-69.

In case you are planning on installing a cylinder head temperature and voltmeter on your Ultra, here are a few bits of information that will help you order those instruments from your parts house. The cylinder instrument is for a Corvair or other air cooled engine. It requires a Thermocouple lead that fits under a spark plug in place of the normal spark plug gasket. All three units are Stewart-Warner:

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| Voltmeter, P/N 284-H | (\$30.00) |
| Cylinder Head Temp. Gauge, P/N 284-AK (100°-600°) | (\$40.00) |
| Cylinder Head Temp. Sender Kit, P/N 280-EK (15' lead) | (\$23.50) |

Jim Craig, #549

ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #23-89: Tire Update. (V/8 Ultra) Index Ultra Manual, Section 11, page 11-5. Update the previous Technical Tip #18-89, and others with the following:

Shopping around for an adequate tire for the rear of a V/8 Ultra Van that I recently purchased, a Discount Tire Co. manager recommended the following tire; (The Corvette rear axle in my unit is 3.55:1 and this tire is 27" in diameter (unloaded) so that allows the 307 engine to keep its RPM in a good power range and not lugging at all. Good engine cooling is a side benefit of this, by turning the fan and waterpump at a little higher speed when climbing those hills. The tire has an open block tread and good in all weather driving conditions.

Make: Goodyear Wrangler ST
 Size: LT215/75R15 M & S
 Tread: 4 Plies Polyester cord plus 2 steel cord
 Sidewall: 2 Plies Polyester cord
 Load Rating: Max. load single, 2095 Lbs at 65 PSI cold
 Mounted size: (unloaded) 27" Dia.
 (loaded-edge of rim to ground at 45 PSI is 4 7/8")

Price: \$112.00 (Discount Tire Co.)

Jim Craig, #549

ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #24-89: Spark Plugs (Corvair engines) Index Ultra Manual, Section 13, page 13-6.

Several Ultra owners are reported to be using the following spark plugs with good results.

Bosch # WR7BP, Platinum type with extended tip. (hotter)
 NGK # B5HS, (has broader heat range than original AC-44FF)
 NGK # BP5HS (has extended tip) Hotter

Jim Craig #549/Warren Suckow #331

ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #25-89: Magnetic Drain Plugs "V" Drive Assy. Index Ultra Manual, Section 9 page 9-11.

Having recently purchased #549 V/8 powered Ultra, I removed the sump housing from the Walters "V" drive assembly to drain, clean and inspect the unit and found that the magnetic drain plugs were really doing their job, because they were so loaded with very fine material that not much more could be retained by the magnetism. The lower area had a layer of fine material also, which was washed out, dried and a thin layer of silicone gasket material applied and sump reinstalled. The gears appeared in good condition. So when was the last time you removed and cleaned the plugs? The Ultra manual recommends at every 20,000-25,000 mile increments that the sump be drained, removed, plugs cleaned and new oil with 2oz. of Moly added to the refill. (I sell the Moly if you can't find it locally. \$10.00 for 8 oz. including shipping)

Jim Craig #549

ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #26-89: Shock Absorber, Front. Index Ultra Manual, Section 9 page 9-2.

Need shocks for the front of the Ultra? Try Monroe, Monro-Matic, heavy-duty #3027. (updated version of #9027) It has a $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter shaft and well supported base welded to body unit. Price - \$14.00.

Jim Craig #549

ULTRA TECHNICAL TIP #27-89: Windshields. Index Ultra Manual, Section 2, page 2-2.

A lot of calls have been received lately, asking where to purchase the Ultra Windshields. If your local glass shop has trouble locating them, have them contact the companies listed below. (NOTE: The windshields you will most likely receive are made in South America and are fully tinted and shaded. It is recommended that these not be cut, but installed in pairs or single with a new center flat pane of glass cut to fit.) P/N of windshields is W576 L/H and W575 R/H.

Lo-Can Glass Co. 800-345-9595 or 617-396-9595 Price is \$385.00 + shipping.

Gordon Harvey #517 (813) 541-3433 Price ?

Francis Boydston #435 (505) 821-1506, Francis has a working agreement with a local shop in Albuquerque, NM to have them installed for you. (Call for current prices and availability)

Peninsula Glass Co. (800) 468-4323 U.S. and Canada or (800) 348-8804 in Washington State. Price \$468.00 plus shipping.

Gator Glass 3685 Investment Lane #1, Riviera Beach, FL 33404, 305-842-4997 (ask for Fred)

Jim Craig \$549

With regret we inform the membership of the passing of Albert Austin, #202. Our deepest sympathy to Elinor.

BEST RALLY IN TEN YEARS

Proclaimed as the "best National Rally in ten years, by Wagonmaster Mel ^{Dinesen.} ~~Denison.~~ Fifty-one rigs converged to the Rally grounds of the Circle B Ranch, Ruidosa Downs, News Mexico.

Rally hosts Bob and Roberta Franz spent many months preparing for the gala event that had 30 Ultra Coaches and 12 "Others" in attendance for the week-long annual get-to-gether. Rigs hailed from California, Florida, Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, New Mexico, Texas, Indiana, New York, Mississippi, Alabama, Idaho, North Dakota and British Columbia and Ontario Canada.

More than 100 members enjoyed the many events that included Tech sessions, Craft sessions, the excellent cuisine at local restaurants, and the Pot Luck smorgasbords as prepared by our good ladies.

A day long side trip to the White Sands Space Museum captivated the attention of forty-plus members who viewed the exhibits that depicted space challenges as met by world scientists, and the exceptional movie as viewed in the special theatre complex.

To commemorate the Rally, special T-shirts were made with the colorful logo "Fiesta de Ruidosa".

Walt Davison led the way for informative and provocative discussion during the Tech Sessions that covered many areas of member concern, including brakes, steering, automatic transmission, and propane tanks. And, as usual, some members took the opportunity for repairing their rigs. Such was Pete and Rose Schuler, (No. 397) of Long Island, New York. They replaced an axle bearing.

Rally Sheriff, Maurice Hemstreet was kept on his toes as he made his rounds that netted \$6.25 in fines. Which he turned in during the annual banquet.

In discussion with the founder of the Ultra Club, Ernest Newhouse, who said he and his wife Edna saw the need for such a club and "saw" this come to a reality in 1966 with 32 members. Currently there are some 500 members.

Ernie and Edna purchased their "new" rig, number 603, in 1974 to re-place their original Ultra Van, nubered 228. The present unit has a 350 cubic engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, "A unique feature is that the engine is side and mid mounted to give greater room to the sleeping quarters", he said.

He added that this was one of the last coaches built and has a different body design that is similar to more conventional motor homes of today. "There were only six built in the 600 series, three were completed and three unfinished before the company closed its doors.

Both Ernie and Edna are lifetime executive directors of the Club and they have given their name to the "Newhouse Award" which is the highest acclaim available to any member.

This coveted medallion was presented to "Wagonmaster Mel ^{Dinesen} Dinesen during the 23rd annual meeting and banquet held in the Upper Canyon Restaurant, Ruidosa, for his "outstanding service to the club", said retiring president Jim Craig.

During this main event, "Past President" Jim Craig passed the reins of office to incoming president Bob Franz.

Visitor to the Rally was Eric R. Frid of Karlstad, Sweden, who said, "I am very impressed with the fellowship I have found with members, and I find the Ultra Coach a very unique home on wheels. He was the guest of Thresa Vandersteeg.

Key speaker and representing the Ruidosa Chamber of Commerce, Ronnie Paulger spoke on quarter horses, for which Ruidosa Downs is noted. "Racing starts in mid-May and ends the first week of September, and the community population of some 7000 jumps to about 50,000 during the racing and tourist season.

To round off the Rally, members were treated to an enjoyable Chuckwagon styled dinner and entertainment at the Flying J Ranch. Dinner consisted of the usual fare that a cowpoke would have on a cattle or horse drive, except for the roast beef. The menu consisted of beans, potatoes, a bun and apple sauce plus excellent roast beef.

Musical entertainment was supplied by the owners and included "classical" western music that some members toe tapped the sandy floor in beat with the music.

Some members stayed at the Rally grounds before heading to the Albuquerque International Balloon Festival, while we left for San Diego and up the Coast home to Summerland, B.C. ---we missed the San Francisco 'quake by three days.

Respectfully submitted, Vern and Mary Schroyen, No. 308
RR 4, Summerland, B.C., VOH 1Z0.

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, we had to leave Riudoso on Saturday evening to meet an annual commitment in Hershey, PA (2,100 miles away). Luckily, I've been able to attend each of the Hershey Antique Auto Club of America (AACA) fall meets since 1967.

At Riudoso, I was asked several times; "What is this Hershey?" Not yet having attended the one and only "Corvair Fan Belt Toss" I have no basis to compare, so by describing "Hershey" you may be able to make your own comparison.

AACA started in 1935 with a goal to preserve vehicles that are a rich part of our heritage. By 1954 the annual AACA judging meet at Devon, PA (now the biggest member event) had outgrown the location, so it was moved to the football stadium at the Hershey Estates.

Originally, all the antique cars and members who wanted to exchange parts or literature on "Parts Row" were easily accommodated on the playing field with the cars lined-up in neat rows ten yards apart.

Gradually, as the "old car" bug hit America, "Hershey" grew in both the number of vehicles and parts vendors. In fact, in 1959 some AACA members wanted the selling ended, but it was wisely decided that the sale of parts and literature was quite in order, so the "Fleamarket" became a legitimate part of "Hershey".

The "Fleamarket" has flourished beyond the wildest dreams of early organizers. By 1967, it was just one 50 acre field. All the cars for judging still fit inside the stadium. It took 2 days to cover the vendors, leaving all day Saturday to savor the restored cars.

Alas! this is no longer possible, it now takes four days to search the market once. This year there were 10,000 vendor spaces on 110 acres (in 3 fields) Also, just getting through 300,000 visitors (no admittance charge) is a chore all by itself. It is said:

"if you can't find it at Hershey, it doesn't exist", however, the trick now is to know where to look. The pity is with over 1,800 beautifully restored cars for judging, it is just not possible to see them all. The "car corral" a feature for the past few years where people can buy and sell cars had more than 500 vehicles (over 25 years old) for sale.

While the official "Fall Meet" does not begin until the Thursday, vendors start arriving on Monday and by Wednesday it is difficult to get into the 10' X 30' vendor space which is now the toughest ticket in Hershey, as all the lots are sold-out.

Again this year, three Ultra Club members had spaces on the same field (Bob Cole #555, Ed Hull #551, Norm HelmKay #547). Also, Bob Joy (#486) attended and there were reports of two or three other Ultras in the RV parking lots (all full at \$20 a day).

We even had an Ultra booth this year. The "Ultra" was publicized with a Group Ultra sign using pictures of coaches at Riudoso. Part of our display was the "Ultra Story" from the CORSA Communique which received a lot of attention. About twenty Group Ultra application forms were given to people who wanted to learn more about Ultras.

Next year Hershey is October 10 to 13, which makes it an easy 4 day run to get there from the National Rally in Franklin, Texas.

ULTRA COACH CLUB ARCHIVE

Marion and I made a leisurely run to Riudoso over a 10 day period. On the way, we visited some Ultra folk who could not make it to the rally and old friends in the mid-west we had not seen for years.

We also made a nostalgic visit to Hutchison, Kansas and were really surprized at the vitality of the town. They have a new shopping mall that is second to none and their new space museum is one of the best we have ever visited. Kansas sure has had a large number of people in space considering their population. The old Navy hanger (Ultra factory) is now used to make or repair school busses and fire engines.

Unhappily, we had to leave Saturday evening to meet a committment in Hershey, PA on October 4, so the 2,100 mile run was a real dash.

Before leaving Riudoso, I had a great visit with Ernie Newhouse. What a thrill it was for me to meet the man responsible for a lot of the race equipment I used way-back-when. To give you an idea of the kind of thing I did for fun in the late 40's and early 50's, the name of our group was "The Canadian Midget Racing and Daredevil Association."

As some of you know, I have been collecting back-issues of the Ultra Coach Club bulletins so we could re-publish the early tech tips for we newer members. It was a surprize to learn the club did not have an archive from which we could draw this information. Ernie Newhouse and Jim Craig brought some of their old "paper" which is a good start. I also thank Bob Joy and Hans Kraepelien for their contributions.

At the directors meeting a question was asked if there was an official club archive. As far as anyone could determine the answer was no. Our president saw an opportunity to fill the void and appoint an official archivist, so folks....."I is him" (someday, I'll learn to keep quiet).

Ernie Newhouse was entrusted with the notes of Ed Martin who edited the bulletin from 1971 to I think around 1977. These notes are a treasure. I would love to hear from some of you who were in from the start. When did the newsletters start and who did what?

What can you as a club member do? Please go through your old papers and anything, yes ANYTHING that has to do with our Ultras that should be saved, send it or a copy to me. Many of you are aquainted with members who have dropped out or families of some who have made the "last trip". Some of these folk likely have old Ultra newsletters, ads, info, invoices, roster lists, books, letters, etc. lying around and would donate them to the Ultra archive. Ask them about it....

From time to time I will report how the collection is progressing and think it would be fun once in a while to look over our shoulder at what happened five, ten, or even twenty years ago.

As the archive is cataloged, an inventory list will be made available. In this way, if there is something you would specifically want from the files we can make arrangements to get you a photocopy.

So there it is folks, now its up to you.....

Norm Helmkey #547 RR #1, Carrying Place, Ontario, Canada KOK 110

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