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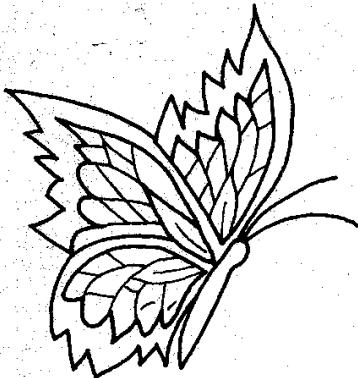
Spring 1990
Newsletter

FIRST CLASS MAIL



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



CELEBRATE SPRING!



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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: Jim Craig, Corvair; Assistant Technical Chairman, V-8, Len Ryerson. 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. All dues are to be forwarded to the Treasurer. Technical tips are to be sent to the Technical Chairman. Amendments suggested to the Club By-laws are to be sent to the President. Deadlines for newsletter inputs are: November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 1.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As planned, we now have tech directors for the benefit of both Corvair and V-8 powered Ultras. Jim Craig will be general chairman and be responsible for Corvair matters. Len Ryerson has agreed to handle technical questions relating to V-8s and general coach construction. Tech tips are needed and should be sent to the proper individual and not to the Newsletter as they would then have to be relayed.

Art Eller's idea of each owner to write his (or her) experiences with the coach sounds like fun. We have all heard many stories around the campfire of happenings, both humorous and otherwise. It is suggested that you make notes to provide taping material at a Rally, or write a narrative if you seldom get to attend. This will be compiled by Art and either made into a scrapbook or possibly a folder of mimeographed sheets for general distribution. Your suggestions at this time are invited.

Another appointment is of Jim Craig as Publicity Chairman. He recently got a full page story with pictures into the Corsa Communique, the national publication of the Corvair Society. This was about our National Rally last year at Ruidoso, N.M. A practical benefit of such publicity is to interest Corvair owners in possibly becoming Ultra owners and members of our Club.

Roberta says to tell you that you are missed when not at a rally. "It is like Thanksgiving dinner with some missing!"

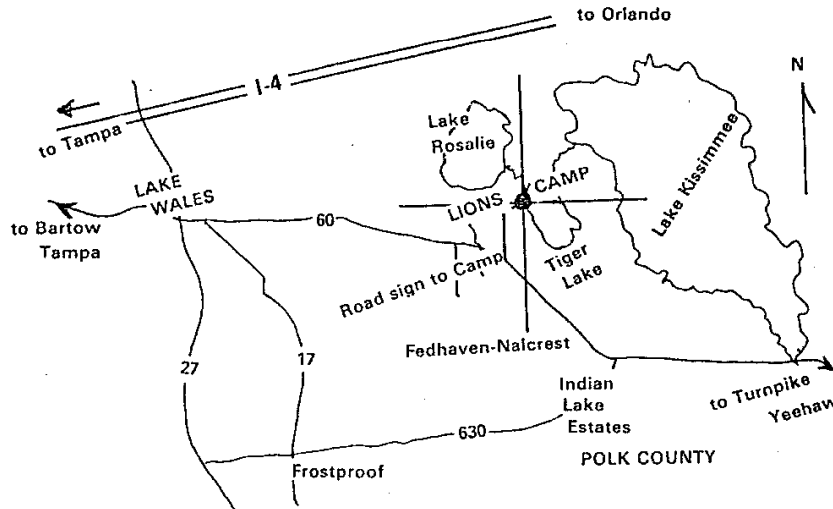
BOB & ROBERTA FRANZ

FLORIDA *"FUN IN THE SUN FOR EVERYONE"*

MAP



Camp is located 13 miles
East of Lake Wales on
Highway 60.

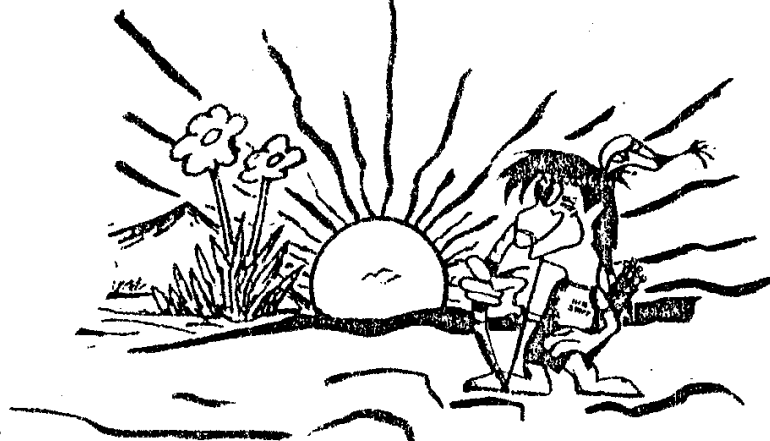


LAKE WHALES RALLY

MARCH 25TH - APRIL 1

- Hosts:** Houchs and Schulers
- Place:** Florida Lions Camp
2819 Tiger Lake Rd.
Lake Wales, FL. 33853
- Phone:** (813) 696-1948
- Costs:** Full Hookup- \$10.00 Registration- \$2.00
- Events:** Crafts and Tech. Sessions, Pot Luck
Bring Contribution for Mini Raffle
"Chili" Night in Sunny Florida
Rodeo and Dinner Trip Available
- Attractions:** Nature Trails, Bicycle Paths, Fishing, Boat Ramp, Swimming Pool
Bok Tower Gardens and Passion Play Nearby

MA-TAR-AWA



R.V. PARK

25 BROWNS ROAD
ALPINE, CA.

(619) 445-3275
(619) 445-3276

HOSTS & CO HOSTS

AL & KATHY POLUS
ERNEST & CAROL PERLICH
P. W. & EVELYN DONALDSON

FACILITIES

PRIMITIVE CAMPSITE UNDER LARGE
OAK TREES. WATER & DUMP AVAILABLE
STORE, RESTROOMS, CAMEROOM,
POOL TABLE, SWIMMING POOL

MOTORCYCLES OR MINIBIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED

COST: \$2.00 REGISTRATION PER COACH
\$9.00 PER DAY CAMPSITE

BRING:

1. FIREWOOD	2. GIFTS FOR MYSTERY GIFT PROGRAM
3. SWIM SUITS	4. TABLES & CHAIRS
5. FIXIN' S HOBO STEW	6. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR CAMPFIRE
7. BIBLES	

DIRECTIONS TO MA-TAR-AWA CAMP

From north on Coast Route Interstate 5:

Just past Del Mar take Interstate 805 South to Interstate 8 East (El Cajon or El Centro). Follow Interstate 8 East past El Cajon to 3 miles past Alpine, take Willows Rd off Ramp. (See Map)

From North On Inland Route Interstate 15:

Stay on Interstate 15 past Miramar Naval Air Station to Interstate 8 East off ramp. Follow Interstate 8 East past El Cajon to 3 miles past Alpine, take Willows Rd. off ramp. (See Map)

From East on Interstate 8 West:

Pass Sunrise Hwy, Pine Valley & Descanso off ramps; turn off on Willows Rd. East off ramp (5½ miles east of Alpine) (See Map)

MYSTERY GIFT DRAWING

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, BRING A GIFT, IT CAN BE ANYTHING OF APPROXIMATE \$5.00 VALUE. PACKAGE GIFT IN A BOX AND WRAP WITH NEWSPAPER. ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE WITH ANY NUMBER OF BOXES. FOR EVERY BOX YOU WILL RECEIVE A TICKET HALF OF WHICH WILL BE PLACED IN THE DRAWING BOX. AT OUR CAMPFIRE SATURDAY NIGHT, THE TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN AND YOU WILL HAVE YOUR PICK OF THE GIFT BOXES. IF YOU GET SOMETHING YOU DON'T NEED, I'M SURE SOMEONE WILL EXCHANGE WITH YOU. LET'S MAKE A FUN EVENT.

M A - T A R - A W A R A L L Y

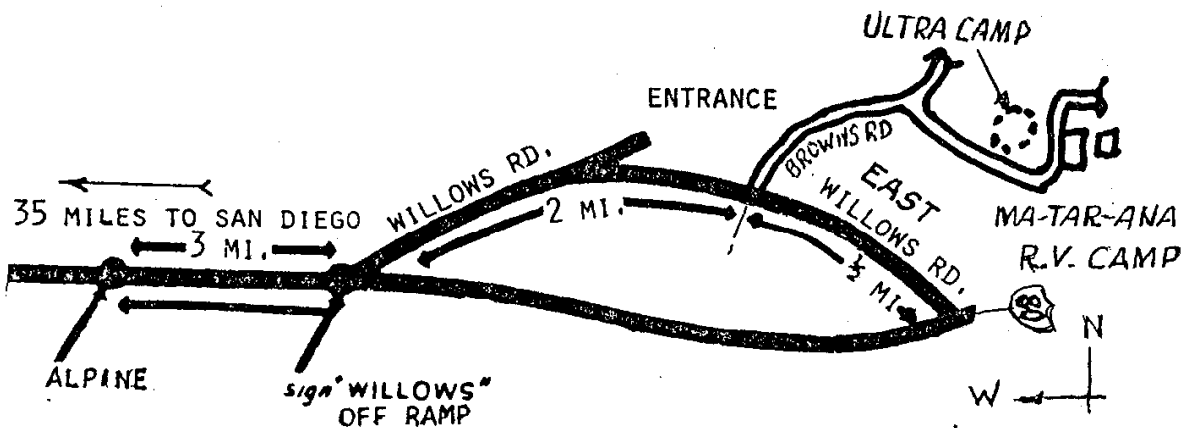
APRIL 19th THRU' 22nd, 1990

DAILY CALENDAR

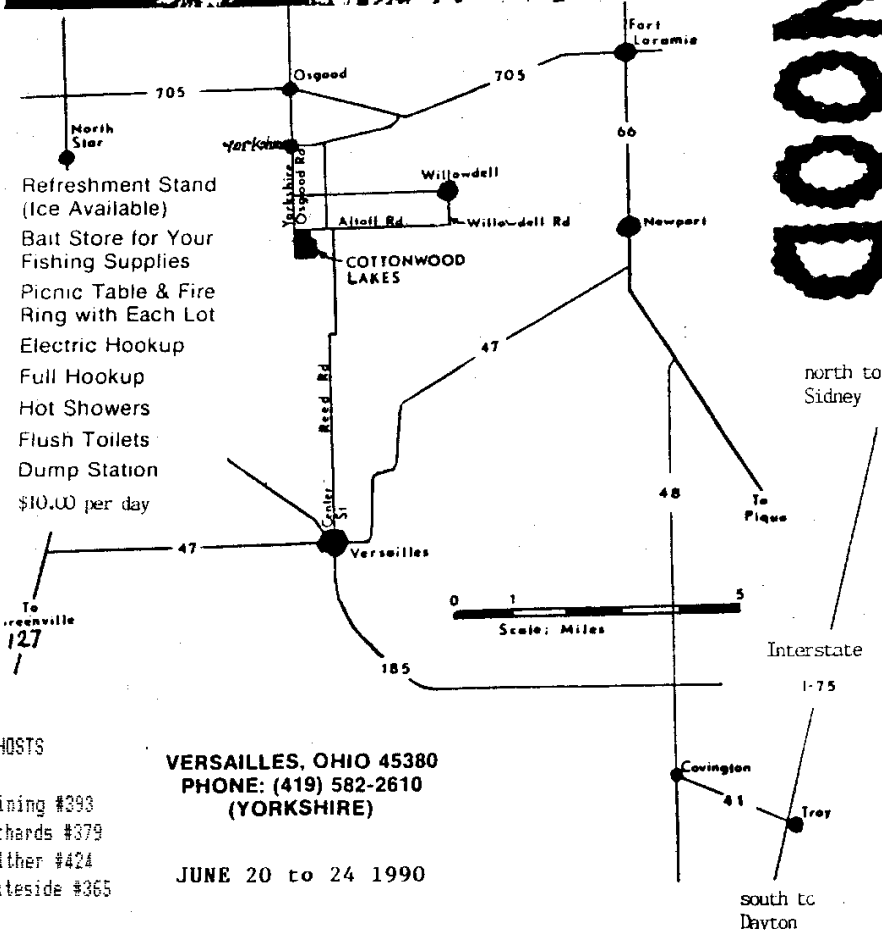
THURSDAY: AFTER 12:00 NOON - EARLY BIRDS ARRIVE, GET SET IN,
COACH HOPPING, SIGHTSEEING
4:30 P.M. HOBO STEW (FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE,
6:00 P. M. BRING SOMETHING TO PUT IN POT)
CAMPFIRE AND SING ALONG

FRIDAY: 9:00 A. M. - COFFEE CLUTCH
10:00 A. M. - 12:00 - REGISTRATION COACH # 401
11:00 A. M. - 12:00 - TECH SESSION FOR MEN - CRAFTS FOR LADIES
12:00 NOON - 1:00 LUNCH
1:00 P. M. - 3:30 FREETIME
3:30 P. M. - ??? TRIP TO ALPINE FOR DINNER OUT AT THE
FAMOUS "BREAD BASKET"
5:00 P. M. - 6:00 OLD TIME RADIO SHOW
6:00 P. M. - ??? CAMPFIRE PROGRAM, SING ALONG, COACH
HOPPING, CARDS, GAMES ETC.

SATURDAY: 9:00 A. M. - COFFEE & GOODIES. FOR THOSE WHO ARE INT-
ERESTED MAY CAR POOL TO EL CAJON FOR TROLLY
RIDE TO DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO & HARBOR FOR A
CRUISE, VISIT TO MARITIME MUSEUM, DINNER
& RETURNING ON TROLLY.
10:00 A. M. - 12:00 CRAFTS, TECH SESSIONS, HIKING ETC.
12:00 NOON - 1:00- LUNCH
1:00 P. M. - 2:00 INVESTMENT SEMINAR
2:00 P. M. - 4:00 FREETIME
4:00 P. M. - ??? POTLUCK DINNER, MYSTERY GIFTS, DRAWING, GAMES
SILENT AUCTION RESULTS ETC.
6:00 P. M. CAMPFIRE PROGRAM, SINGALONG
SUNDAY: 9:00 A. M. COFFEE CLUTCH
10:00 A. M. - 11:00 CHURCH SERVICE
AFTER CHURCH FREETIME, BREAK CAMP & GOODBYES



RALLY TO



COTTONWOOD

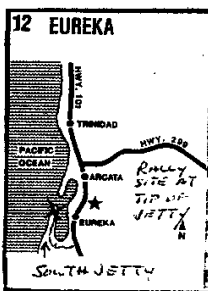
LAKES

A REAL RURAL RALLY





"WESTERN REGIONAL RALLY"
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA
July 19-22, 1990.



Rally Site: "South Jetty" on Humboldt Bay

Location of site is approximately nine miles west of #101 highway on a county road south of Eureka. (See map below) This will be a dry camp on a dry sand/dirt area. We will form a "Circle the Ultra" type of camp parking if space permits. Bring firewood, drinking water, chairs and tables. Beautiful beach (5 miles long) within 100 yards and good ocean fishing in nearby channel of Humboldt Bay. (Salmon and Yellowtail among others are caught here.)

This is a free, no charge camp area. Come early and stay late, if you desire.

Hosts are: Franz, Snyder, and Craig

NATIONAL COTTON COWBOY CAPER



WHITT RV PARK

FRANKLIN, TEXAS

- Golf and Swimming
- Flea Market—3rd Saturday of Month
- Granada Land & Cattle Co. Tours
- Day Lease Available for Deer Hunting
- Old Settlers Day—Each June
- 45 Minutes from Lake Limestone (Boating and Fishing)

CALVERT, TEXAS (10 miles)

- Antique Capital of Texas
- Victorian House Tours
- Flea Market—1st Saturday of Month
- Antique Shops Will Open for RV Rallies of 10 or More Rigs

HEARNE, TEXAS (10 miles)

- Golf and Swimming
- Historic Houses and Buildings
- Art Gallery
- Annual Robertson County Fair—Last Week in March

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

(35 miles)

- Texas A&M University

The Whitt RV park which will be the site for the 1990 National will charge \$50 by the week, \$9 by the day. It has full hookups, full kitchen, rest rooms and showers. A Rec hall. Plan for Tec talks, craft work, a tour or two, that famous potluck and a night out on the town! And sit'in in the shade shoot'n the breeze. That comes naturally in Texas!

PO Box 457 Franklin, Texas, 77856.
(409) 828-5377. On US route 79.



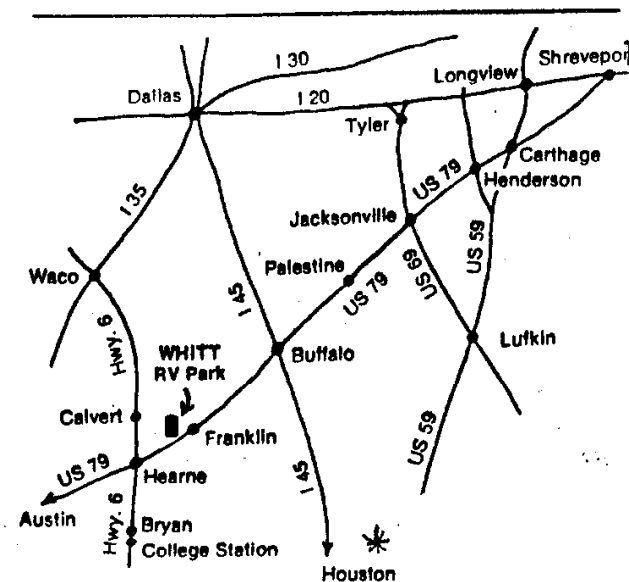
HOSTS:

Pete & Rose Schuler #397
Phone: (516) 368-3578

Marian Grootenhaar #503
(616) 896-8630

HOWEVER:

IF YOU COME TO FRANKLIN
TEXAS FROM SEPTEMBER 30
TO OCTOBER 7 1990 WE WILL
SURELY FIND ONE IN SOME-
ONE'S TOOL BOX! MAKE IT
A DATE!



GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7,1990
QUARTSITE, ARIZONA

The meeting was convened by the ringing of Jim and Marlene Craig's new brass bell. It was officially called to order by Bob Franz.

A report was made from yesterday's Board of Directors meeting. (please see report elsewhere in this issue).

Wagonmaster, Mel Dinesen reported 22 Ultra and 7 associates present. Leonard and Brenda Takaat were attending their first Wester Rally.

Hosts Paul and Charlotte Rowland reported \$56.00 received and expenses of \$10.00. They were thanked for arranging a good Rally. Thanks were also given to Threasa Vandersteeg and the Arizona group for Tuesday's barbeque dinner.

Details of the July Rally on an ocean beach near Eureka were given by Jim Craig. Details will be in the next Newsletter. The tech directors for next year were announced, There will be two sections; Jim Craig will be in charge of Corvair related matters and Len Ryerson will handle the new division for V-8s. ALL tech tips are to be sent directly to one or the other.

Merchandise Chairman Mory Snyder had caps donated by the Milt Reyburns and coach enblems which were sold for \$2.00.

General Welfare: Ike & Nell Morgan came early to the campground, but could not wait to see everyone. Clark and Myrtle Ross of Utah have passed away. They attended rallies faithfully into their 80s and will be missed. Harold and Ethel Starbird are quite ill, and our prayers are with them.

Art Eller has suggested that a collection of Ultra experiences be made (good & bad). This was received with enthusiasm and follow-up will be worked out. (see Presidents letter this issue).

Discussion of membership dues mixup: It will be resolved. If Lou Griggs's records show that you have not paid your dues by February 15th, he will send a letter requesting them.

Future Western Rallies: Their dates should include weekends.

Suggested sites: Indian Pow Wow at Tehachapie by Leonard Takaat; Oak Glen, Ca., by Millie Eller; and Mt. Hood, Or. area by Evie Shepherd. Paul Rowland asked if there was any interest in a group trip into Upper Mexico or the Baja Penninsula. Write to him if you are.

Jim Craig reported that all the stars have been given out that Oak leaves for 100,000 & 200,000 ers will be forthcoming.

Motions made and carried for adjournment.

Submitted by acting secretaries Edy Ryerson and Nobia
Suckow.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1990 QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Franz. Those present were Bob Franz, Jim Craig, Gladys Bell, Art Eller, and Nobia Suckow. Roberta Franz was on the sidelines. Kathy Polus was ill, and was contacted by phone.

The minutes from the last directors meeting was accepted. Marian Grootenhaar will be contacted for up-dates on plans for the next National to be reported in each Newsletter. The rallies in the West for April and July were discussed and details will be in the next two Newsletters. Jim Craig suggested bringing warm clothing to the July rally on the California coast.

Palm Springs Fan Belt Toss up-date: (Nov.) The Corsa Club said prices may go up on everything, including parking, which could be \$15.00! They will inform us soon.

Business: New directory. Secretary Griggs has informed us of the need for a new one immediately. Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Bell that the secretary is authorized to spend up to \$400.00 for such after further cost investigations from East and West sections and approval by the President. Passed.

The new decals will be ready shortly.

A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Eller that the secretary retain 1/3rd of the new directories and the remainder to be split between the East and West merchandise chairman. Those not picking up their copies at rallies will have them mailed to them.

Carried. More oak leaf clusters are being ordered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eller and seconded by Bell. Carried.

Submitted by Nobia Suckow, acting secretary

FINAL TRIP

We regret to report the passing of the following members:

Norman Welch, #336 on 12/22/1988

Myrtle Ross, A-453 on 7/27/1989

Clark Ross, A-453 on 10/05/1989

Rally Report-Quartzsite Feb. 5-8

Arizona, with beautiful sunsets, friendly people from everywhere, and Quartzsite-Nature's parking lot-where you see every kind of vehicle from push carts to Ultralites. It has to be the biggest swapmeet in the world-and was the site of our February Ultra Rally.

Threasa Vandersteeg made delicious lasagna for our first potluck-then-the second day, she and the Arizona ladies, Betty Reinhardt, Nobia Suckow and Charlotte Rowland put on a good Western barbecue lunch for us. Marlene Craig made her famous pies for our dessert, and this was the second time she had made pies for everyone. If she ever decides to go into the pie-making business, Marie Callender wouldn't have a chance.

Our 'dinner out' was by choice-some went to "Dolly's", "Silly Al's Pizza", others chose Navajo Tacos at "Bills". Most everyone spent a good deal of their time shopping at Tyson Wells, The Main Event, Four Corners or the Pow-Wow. We would have a 'show & Tell' session at the end of the day to see the goodies everyone had purchased.

We did save some time for crafts-lots of the ladies were working on special things, and Threasa was so happy to finally finish those cute boy and girl bunnies that she's been hauling around. They looked so cute sitting in our coach windows.

Wednesday was our main potluck, and a good one, as usual. When our dishes were cleared from the tables, Len Tekaatt brought out his Bingo cards for a very exciting game.

After our general meeting we had a drawing, and the lucky winners received darling hats, made and donated by Grace Ballew-also a beautiful hand-painted agate rock. She and husband Bob were our guests from 29 Palms. Many of the members have necklaces and bolo ties that Grace has painted.

Paul Rowland is a master craftsman when it comes to making jewelry, and he made a lovely necklace and bolo tie for our drawing. Bill Keith brought us grapefruit and lots of mints and gum to keep our breath kissing sweet. The Franz's and Dinesens brought oranges and grapefruit, also; many thanks to all.

Thursday morning Gladys Bell, Marlene Craig, Jane Harrison and Millie Dinesen took a bus trip to Laughlin for the day. They all had a wonderful time, especially Millie-(she won \$474) and Gladys (\$27). Several coaches left on Thursday--some were going back by Laslo's, on the Colorado River, others visiting in the area, and still others going home. The weather was just perfect-warm days, but cool nights.

Fashion note: our Ultra gals sure sported some beautiful and clever sweatshirts.

Thanks to Charlotte and Paul Rowland for being such gracious hosts at Quartzsite. We had 30 coaches-23 were Ultras.

Cal. 15	Ariz. 4	Colo. 3	Idaho 1	N. D. 1
Nev. 2	Wash. 1	Ohio 1	Oreg. 1	N. M. 1

Submitted by Evelyn Donaldson

ULTRA COACH CLUB ARCHIVE REPORT 02/90
by Norm HelmKay #547

As you likely read on the last page of the 1989 Winter Newsletter, our archives are under way with the help of the few who have provided their old newsletters and other "Ultra" memorabilia.

While the response has not been overwhelming we are making progress and I still have "a grain of mustard seed" hope that more of you will "move that mountain" of old paper that I know is out there somewhere.

Between now and the spring rally in Florida is the right time to send the "good stuff", as the cost of mailing is much less than if you wait and send it to me in Canada later. Its also a great winter file clean out project. Our Florida address until April 7, 1990 is:

Norm HelmKay
385 Sante Fe Trail
N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917

Re-publishing all the old tech-tips in booklet form is an archive project spin-off we are working on from the old newsletters.

One of the difficulties of identifying loose pages we have received is the older newsletters were often undated and have no page numbers. It is almost impossible to identify when they were published unless there happens to be a references to a known rally mentioned in the text. I'm glad to see the pages of recent newsletters are well marked.

I'm happy to tell you we have all the newsletters from February 1971 to April 1977, largely as a result of being able to photo copy all of the notes left by Ed Martin which are in the custody of Ernie Newhouse.

We have received no newsletters prior to February 1971, nor any with dates after April '77 up to the fall of 1982. From 1983 to date, the following newsletters are missing: Winter 83, Spring 86 and 87, Fall 86 and 87. If you have any of the above, please send them along.

Packets of Ultra memorabilia from Gus Brining and Pat Fitzgerald are almost beyond belief. Its like Christmas with every envelope I open. All the old factory and owners letters, the announcements of new models and options, etc.

NOTES FROM DAYS PAST..... In January 1971, a rally at the Lion Country Safari near Laguna Beach had 66 coaches with 146 people.

Did you know in the March 1973 newsletter, a 127 point Ultra Van Safety Check list was announced and by June, 75 members had asked for copies. At a rally in Tecopa Hot Springs, the list was used by Mech Mechem, Len Ryerson and Ed Martin to inspect 10 of the 27 coaches that attended. Ed mentions in the June newsletter, "...without wishing to alarm you, we found things on every van that needed attention." I wonder, now 17 years later, how our coaches would stack-up against the list. If you want a copy of the 4 page list, send \$1 to cover copying and postage.

INFORMATION NEEDED FROM EARLY ULTRA CLUB MEMBERS

Were there newsletters prior to February 1971?
Was the Laguna Beach rally in January 1971 the biggest ever?
How many options were available for the Ultra Van?

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

"What lies behind us AND what lies before us are tiny matters COMPARED to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

RESOLUTIONS: Now that the New Year is well on its way, maybe a few of us are "working" on resolutions we made as the clock struck twelve and 1990 was born. One of our New Year's promises was to practice a little more passiveness and HUMILITY. Also attempt to be a better husband, a better club member, and a better citizen of this great nation. Plus--try a bit harder to see the BEST in everyone. For example: Scores of members do so many good things for Ultra Club. I'm sorry for being lax in expressing appreciation to people who seem to be always "in there" helping the club to thrive and succeed. Guess it's human nature to simply ACCEPT the fine efforts of other humans without offering proper gratitude. We should say "THANK YOU" when a good deed is noted. I'm going to try to be better at that during 1990.

The great wise man, Confucius, wrote, "MUD slung is always GROUND lost."

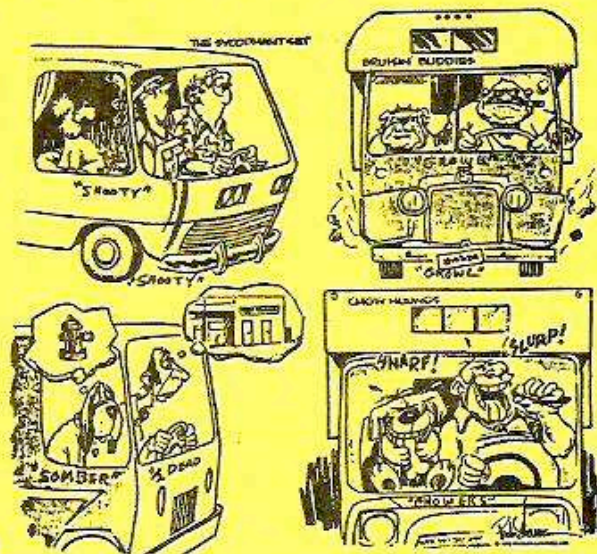
NIGHTTIME SECURITY: Most motorhome owners sometimes park overnight near a 24-hour restaurant, on hospital grounds, at roadside rests, super-market parking areas, and so on, when enroute to a destination. For added safety some RV experts advise a police-type siren or "whoofers" be roof-mounted, with switch to activate it by your bed inside. If there are homes nearby, this affords much protection. Just ask our good members, Al and Martha Hoffman (Wolf Point, Montana) about their harrowing experience while parked overnight in front of a friend's house some years ago. At night, in case of ruffians or vandals, the loud, piercing siren would alert nearby homeowners, security officers, or local police or business personell, probably to call for assistance if needed. The shrieking alarm, alone, will deter most having destructive intent. If you are being disturbed, you have the right to "crow" loudly. Almost anyone can quickly install such a pulsing-sound horn on a motorhome roof with 12-volt lead run up from the clothes closet. If the device is well grounded, a single hot-lead through a hole drilled in the roof will activate it. Seal the hole with mastic. Think about this little safety idea if you occasionally park overnight in semi-risky areas.

In America the average cost to pull a tooth runs about \$10. In China it costs \$320. People say, "That's awful." Yes, but it's an AWFUL job for the Dentist, too, when you can't open your mouth.

HYPERGLYCEMIA ZOMBIES: It is estimated that there are at least FOUR MILLION persons in the United States who are walking around with the illness "hyperglycemia" WHO DO NOT KNOW THEY HAVE IT. It can be very crippling if left un-cured----but it is EASILY treated if recognized early enough. Everyone must be cautioned against excessive drinking of sweet pops, and eating too much dessert, sugar or candy which may lead to the pancreas-organ breakdown. This short discussion is meant to be helpful; no one wants to learn of any club member needlessly losing his or her eyesight, going into a coma, or requiring a limb amputated. Often the need for insulin injections can now be solved with a simple prescription pill named "Tolazamide" or its generic. Common symptoms of the disease include: blurry vision, increased thirst, a wound that heals slowly. Hyperglycemia IS DIABETES. Unless we know the exact indicators (one or all, or others), you (or I) could be one of that vast million-zombies walking around NOT KNOWING we are VULNERABLE to the serious consequences. Doctors urge everyone to get a blood test at least once per year. Pancreas failure can strike at ANY AGE --- a 14 year old neighbor boy has it and requires daily insulin injections.

HIGH PROPERTY TAXES: Members who believe they are being overtaxed (especially on property worth over \$500,000 or more---such as a home or a condo, rental apartment buildings, industrial land, or commercial stores), the McCormick System will do a free evaluation for you. Call # 1(800)672-6019 for details. This System specializes in lowering YOUR property taxes--period. There is no up-front cost; their fee comes out of your tax savings. They may save you thousands of \$s year after year.

LOOKING THRU RV WINDSHIELDS: Have you ever noticed how motorhome owners LOOK, and ACT (and often even THINK), exactly like their pets? Is it axiomatic that this is true? Shown are a few examples of SOME we've seen lately. Bob Stevens of "Motorhome Life" and your humble executive director, together with a few other ULTRA CLUB members, have long noted that cats, dogs, even canaries, take "on" the characteristics of their masters. We do NOT mean to imply that this is necessarily evil; it may be an acquired GAIN. But it is a fact of life. Often husbands become the image of their wives, and vice versa, while animals take on the likeness of their respective masters. Now---who wants to look LIKE a poodle? Maybe a hound dog? Not a word of the above (nor any sketch) applies to OUR club membership. So there!



THE GOLDEN RULE: There are TWO valid meanings (one cryptic) of the "Golden Rule", ie: (#1) "Those who EARNED the gold are entitled to rule." and (#2) "Do unto others as YOU would have others do unto you."

NO CHRISTMAS: Did you and I have a right to be born? We are not taking sides, but all of us need to think long and hard before answering such a question. Today there is much controversy regarding "rights". Many arguments are raised - pro and con. Debate rages as to a mother's rights. The father? Does the child have any rights? Let us pique our thinking on the total subject---CONSIDER: What would the WORLD be like without Christmas? Would it be different if Mary had sought an abortion? Would the earth be even more pagan? Would the earth, this globe of ours, be better, or far worse? All of us remember that much of the then-known world was in bondage to the Roman Empire, caught in an apocalyptic doom and master-slave dialectic. Families, even whole populations, trembled with fear. Obedient couples traveled long distances, like vagabonds, to have heavy taxes extracted from their already meager incomes. Daily living for most was a near-nightmare. TODAY even the most hardened atheist recognizes that occasion in Bethlehem every time he writes a letter. Think of it. The DATE on each communication he pens affirms that birth. AND...every coin he spends carries words proclaiming the atheist is wrong. If anyone's OPINION is worth anything, it would seem the world is substantially better because of that lowly birth.

UVMCC: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Incorporated is a non-profit organization recognized under Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code as a public educational/recreational association. We join and pay the club's modest dues to gain the casual benefits of a large group of people with similar vehicles and love of the great outdoors. The only ones who can profit are WE the members, from FUN. Some of us are (or were) employed individuals, professional people, business owners; many are retired. The club aim is fellowship, mutual BENEFITS, plus travel to unusual places.

Your humble servant, *Ernest*

ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.
Treasurer's Report, February 10, 1990

Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 1989	\$ 2,335.82
Benham Capital Management Money Fund	<u>2,000.46</u>
Balance as of October 31, 1989	\$ 4,336.28
 Receipts:	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,730.00
Benham Capital Management Interest	38.45
Crafts	10.00
Group Ultra Van (To be forwarded to Griggs)	4.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>1.00</u>
Total Quarterly Receipts	1,783.45
 Disbursements:	
National Rally Expenses	227.24
1989 Sec'y & Pres. Expenses	38.52
Stamps	25.00
Photocopies	1.80
500 Decals	423.50
Group Ultra Van Transfer	4.00
Newletter-Feb. 1990	<u>300.00</u>
Total Quarterly Disbursements	<u>1,020.06</u>
Checking Account Balance as of February 10, 1990	3,099.21
Benham Capital Management Money Fund	<u>2,000.46</u>
Treasury Balance as of February 10, 1990	<u>\$ 5,099.67</u>

Respectively Submitted,

Katharine R. Poles, Pres.

NEW MEMBERS & CHANGES

Pickering, Harold & Tote	(New)
Star Route Box 100	
Tularosa, N.M. 88352	Coach #271
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Dute, Jerald (Delete Carol)	(change)
Phone (216) 355-4101	
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Reyburn, Milton & Gene	(Delete P. O. Box) (change)
Change Zip Code to 93422	
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Austin, Elinor E.	(Delete Albert)
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Redford, Dennis & Linda	(change)
Phone 407-546-7997	
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Kosmatka, John & Sally	(change)
(512) 258-3344	Area code change
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Zoutendam, Ronald & Martha	(phone change)
712-324-4660	
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Miller, Harlan & Jean	AZ (Winter Address)
2330 Avalon Ave. - Lake Havasu City, AZ	86403
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Houck, Norris & Charlene	(Zip Code Change)
Was 34249 - now 33543	
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ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

1/1/89 thru' 12/31/89

Receipts:

Monies Transferred from outgoing Treasurer	\$	988.90	
Membership Dues		3,401.25	
Interest from Benham Capital Management		160.58	
Merchandising & Badges		331.76	
National Rally Receipts:			
T-Shirts		534.50	
Bus Tour & Dinner		1,010.00	
Registration		255.00	
Deposit Refund		270.00	
Sheriff		8.05	
Crafts		102.75	2,180.30
Total Annual Receipts	\$		7,062.79

Disbursements:

Newsletter Expenses (marlene Craig)		1,085.84	
Corsa Travel Rosters		80.00	
Ernie Award Medallions (4)		406.60	
Insurance		501.97	
Mailing Labels & Histories		20.00	
Silver Stars & Oakleaf Clusters		96.80	
1990 National Rally Deposit		50.00	
National Rally Expenses:			
T-Shirts		689.60	
Bus Tour & Dinner		1,128.13	
Host Expenses		328.81	2,146.54
Presidential Expenses		27.78	
Corporate Filing Fee		2.50	
Newsletter Expenses (Louis Griggs)		516.16	
Group Ultra Van Dues Transfers		16.00	
Treasurer's Expenses (Kathy Polus)		13.65	
Total Annual Disbursements			4,963.84
Annual Net Income	\$		<u><u>2,098.95</u></u>

Respectively Submitted:

Katherine N. Polus, Treas.

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

#304 1967 Ultra Van (Class "A") 22 feet, 110 HP Corvair engine, auto transmission, 3.55:1 rear axle. 5000 miles on recent engine overhaul. Engine is in show condition, shrouds powder coated, and misc. parts cadmium plated. Interior of coach is like new-new carpet, upholstery and drapes. Has AM/FM, CB, Clg HD temp., tach, vac. gauges, new 175/70 SR14 radial tires, new marine type instant hot water heater, and dual batteries, roof air, battery charger and awning. Paint is excellent and has detailed striping. Paint is 3 years old. All glass is excellent. Coach is in excellent condition throughout. Call for additional details. Price, \$6995.00. Jim Craig (619)366-9104.

#340 Ultra Van. 110 HP, 4 speed transmission. Low mileage on engine rebuild, air suspension. Interior white, excellent condition. Levellor blinds throughout, Michelin tires. \$6000, OBO. Norman Wareburg, 818-887-2105 (evenings).

#383 see flyer, page 19

#393 - 1968 Ultra Van 110 H.P. Auto.Trans. floor plan "A"-4 tank system & all good. New windshield, tires, batteries & stool pump. All glass good. Cherry interior in perfect condition-white exterior good. Norcold AC/DC Rfrgr. & also wiring installed to use Norcold AC/DC Olympia Rfrgr/Freezer which we filled with good U.S. meat when we made the Caravan trip to Mexico. I was able to purchase the Olympia at the very special price of \$155.14, it has been used this one time only & it was well worth it. If Ultra is purchased will sell for the \$155.14 but it is not for sale alone. Original roof air & it works, awning in self contained Snap-lock metal container. Original leaky rear window replaced with one large glass no leak window. Large capacity engine oil & Trans. pans with water circulating cooling system. 110 Volt three heat range, thermostat controlled electric heater, dual master brake Cyl. The original propane furnace should be replaced. 2" slide valve installed on both final holding & flush tanks. Three special Lorraine folding table chairs & Ryerson manual included. This unit well worth the asking price of \$7500.00. Gus Brining - 2815 Ida Ave. - Dayton, Ohio 45405 - 513-274-2234

#394 Ultra Van. 110 HP Corvair engine, Power Glide, Michelin tires, new drapes, carpet, upholstery. Very clean. Runs excellent. New bumpers, still in boxes. Several parts, Duotherm roof air. Paint a little bad in places. Asking \$6000. No reasonable offer refused. Ed Hosto, 3050 West Clay, St. Charles, MO. 63301. Phone 314-946-3459.

#484 Ultra Van. Corvair, Powerglide. If interested, call Gordon Harvey 813-541-3433. (Florida) Also have several antique cars for sale.

Coach # 487, original owner purchased from Ultra August 1969. Has roof-air, generator, good engine, spare parts etc. Asking \$4500.00 or best offer. Contact Stan Bartlett, 151 Coral Circle, So. Daytona, Fl. 32119 or phone (904) 767-4200 for additional details.

110 Corvair P/G

Sorry to find it necessary to sell the unit. Have only 55 M mile and less than 5 M in the past five years.

#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.

#527 Ultra Van. V-8. If interested, call Gordon Harvey 813-541-3433 (Florida)

1969 Ultra Coach #521: 350 CI Chevy V8; Rebuilt at 103,440

miles; Total Miles : 126,800; Turbo 450 Trans; Corvette axle;

Good condition; All amenities except air conditioning;

Ready to go; \$5000. Front mounted 1973 Trail 90 Honda motorcycle

included. Pictures on request. Complete M&R record available.

Contact: George Deatherage, 7576 St. Luke's Way, Sacramento,

CA 95823. Phone: (916) 428-9467

FOR SALE

1968 ULTRA VAN

GOOD CONDITION, MUST SELL!

**#383 110HP CORVAIR DRIVE-
TRAIN. WITH EXTRA PARTS.**

\$5,000.00 FIRM.

CONTACT:

DENNIS D'AMICO

1218 So. ELECTRIC AVE.
ALHAMBRA, CALIF. 91803

PHONE: (818) 570-0012
WORK (213) 940-2024

Jan. 10, 1990

Mr. Louis C. Griggs
626 Brookfield Ave.
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Good evening Louie:

One way to get answers is to ask questions so here goes. Now I know this can be called "personal" BUT here is story. Some 40 Yrs. plus since 30000 service men & women were gathered together to form what was called BURTONWOOD AIR DEPOT with main Hdqs. at Warrington, England - a monumental effort is under way in forming the BURTONWOOD ASSOCIATION. After some ten (10) Yrs. of continued effort in gathering positive information from both THE U.S. & UNITED KINGDOM by a Mr. Aldon Ferguson of near London - the Assn is well under way. At present the true membership is near 500 - a small figure but with help from each member the Assn. will rapidly increase in membership. To date some 4 or 5 reunions have been held in England and about the same in the U.S. The last one was held here in Dayton at the Radisson Inn this past Oct. with near 190 members present and I can assure you it was enjoyed by all. The next one in the U.K. will be held at the Hoole Hotel in Chester, England about 40 minutes driving time from Warrington where I was stationed from Aug. 1943 to Oct. 1945 at which time I was Trfd. to a signal Btl. in Germany with a roster strength of near 200 men in the outfit I was Assgd. too. Now since each member has been asked to in any way possible spread the word & contact as many people as possible to increase membership I would like very much if the following ~~next~~note could be carried in the Ultra Newsletter as well as the Group Ultra Van publication.

BURTONWOOD AIR DEPOT
Warrington, England

Any male or female - Service or Civilian among the more than 30,000 who served or was connected with the Depot, who would be interested in becoming A member of the Burtonwood Association please mail A request for information to:
Thomas Conley 2946 Savannah Ct. Waco, Texas 76710. The 1990 Reunion will be held at the Hoole Hall Hotel Chester, England May 15th.-21st. for the U.K. and in San Antonio, Texas probably the 3rd. Wk. in October 1990. Chester is about A 30 minute drive from Warrington.

Gus Brining
Ultra #393

Gus Brining

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

Ultra Van windshields \$350 plus shipping; also, leakproof rubber seals for windshields available. Can arrange for installation either in Florida or central USA. Gordon Harvey. Phone 813-541-3433.

FOR SALE

Camper shell for 1961-64 Corvair pickup. This unit was custom made for the pickup model by Northwest Coach Co. of Seattle, WA. It is fully insulated and paneled inside, crawl through with boot, side door over side ramp, rear lift-up hatch, roof vent, dark shaded side windows. Unit is like new. \$300. Delivery available. Jim Craig (619) 366-9104.

Hello, Ultra friends:

You have probably read in the President's Report in this issue that I have accepted the appointment of Technical Chairman. Also, he has appointed Len Ryerson Technical assistant, in which he will fill a new job as consultant, advisor, and technical writer concerning the V-8 Ultra and other technical matters as he may feel necessary to undertake.

I am very pleased to have Len as part of the technical team, and look forward to working with him in the Club's technical matters. Len's appointment was a result of several requests of V-8 owners wanting to see and hear more technical information concerning this series of Ultras.

Also, the President has requested that we initiate a new method of assimilating the technical tips which are furnished by the membership, prior to printing them in the Club newsletter, or to disseminate them otherwise.

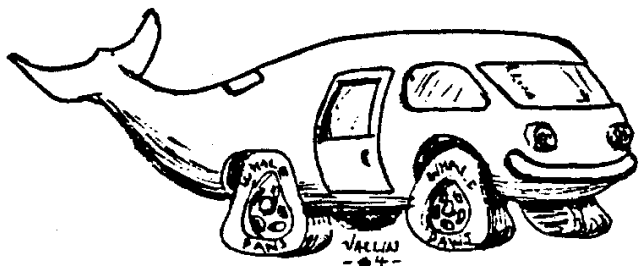
Effective this date February 1, 1990 all technical tips will be sent to the Technical Chairman and be reviewed by the Technical Committee prior to disseminating them to the Club membership. They will be reviewed for accuracy, content, and safety. If the Committee feels that a correction is necessary, the author of the tip will be contacted, and advised of the Committee's recommendations. The tip will then be recorded and printed on approval of all concerned.

The main purpose of this, of course, is to provide the membership with the most accurate and useful information possible.

Many of you are very knowledgeable in the Ultra mechanics, and I encourage each of you to send in your technical tips, so that the older and new owners can benefit from your knowledge.

Thank you,
Jim Craig #549
Len Ryerson #513

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**
619-366-9104

TECHNICAL TIPS

Ultra Technical Tip #1-90: California Smog Inspections. Ref: Ultra Manual, Section 17, page 17-22.

The following information is a quote from the Dec. '89 issue of "Cars & Parts" magazine: "New California smog check extends back to 1966 models. Changes in the California "Smog Check" law, effective earlier this year have affected owners of vehicles that previously had been exempt from the second-yearly mandatory inspections. Previously, vehicles 21 years old or older had been exempt. Now, however vehicles made in model year 1966 (passenger cars and light trucks up to 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight) need smog checks.

The reason for this change is that although the number of 1966-74 vehicles registered in California are relatively small, their emission levels may be as much as 10 times higher than the levels from vehicles manufactured since 1980.

Only 1965 and older vehicles will be exempted on the basis of age, but 1955-65 vehicles may still need inspection on transfer of registration or initial registration in California." (End quote)

Check your license renewal slip to see if it contains a check off block for a vehicle weight over 8,500 pounds, or verify that your vehicle meets the requirements of the California Highway Patrol, Handbook Sheet #82.1 as shown in the Ultra manual as referenced above.

Ultra Technical Tip #2-90: Auto-Moly Update. Ref: Ultra Manual, Section 12, page 12-9.

For those of you that are interested in purchasing the Auto-Moly products and others that want to keep your Ultra manual updated, change the address of Pacific Lubricants noted in the above reference as follows: Pacific Lubricants, Engine Accessories Mfg. Co., Division of Borrower Corp., 5165 G. Street, Chino, CA 91710. Telephone #(714) 591-1480. Also, it can be ordered from J. C. Whitney & Co. Catalog, #514J (1990), page 223.

Jim Craig #549

Ultra Technical Tip #3-90: New Replacement V/8 Engines. Ref. Ultra Manual Section 14, page 14-2.

Looking for a replacement engine for your Ultra V/8? Your local GM (Chev.) dealer has the following three engines available at this time.

The first two are the standard engines 350 and 305 C.I., which are priced at \$1,280 and \$1,235. They come minus the carb, alternator, and exhaust manifolds. These prices are already discounted assuming that you know someone in the automotive field that will buy it for you.

In case you want the Ultra to really move out, you should consider the third engine, which is called the "350 C.I./345 HP High Output Engine". It is identified as Chevrolet Part

number 10134338. Other than the great horsepower you get out of this engine, the other benefit is that it is 250 pounds lighter than your present Ultra V/8. (It has aluminum heads and intake manifold.)

The specifications are too numerous to note here, so please refer to the March 1989 issue of Hot Rod magazine. See page 62. Back issues can be attained by calling their office at (213) 854-2470.

Engines come minus carb, exhaust manifolds, distributor, spark plug wiring and alternator. It would require different carb (4 BBL), exhaust manifolds or headers and distributor. Price: List \$3,200 or discount priced at \$2,700 through your local repair shop.

Jim Craig #549

Al Driggers, who is now Eastern Merchandise Chairman, is now a distributor for RV parts, and states that thru him RV parts listed in the Staggs-Parkway combined catalog may be obtained at discount. He is able to offer Onan generators at 25% discount. For further information write to him at 3676 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or call him at (904)824-2075.

Work in the new Club Directory will shortly begin; if you have any changes in telephone number or address that have not appeared in the Newsletter, please let Secretary know now. All changes shown in Newsletters have been incorporated in the computer record.

I was a bit overzealous in use of the "FINAL ISSUE" stamp. Please forgive. Remember that the Secretary and Treasurer live about 3000 miles apart. The extra stamping was my fault, not hers.

Please note: the two digit number to the right of your name on the address label shows the year thru which your dues are paid. This number is the computer's discriminator--if it is not a 90 or more, the computer does not print out that mailing label.

Wanted: need LH windshield that is cracked and that you intend to throw away. I want to use it as a replacement for good windshield I am taking out of my Step Van before I start using it for storage. Jim Craig (619)366-9104

Wanted: interested Ultra owners that want to invest in spare windshield. Cost approx. \$200/250 each. Do not send money at this time, just advise if interested. Jim Craig (619)366-9104.

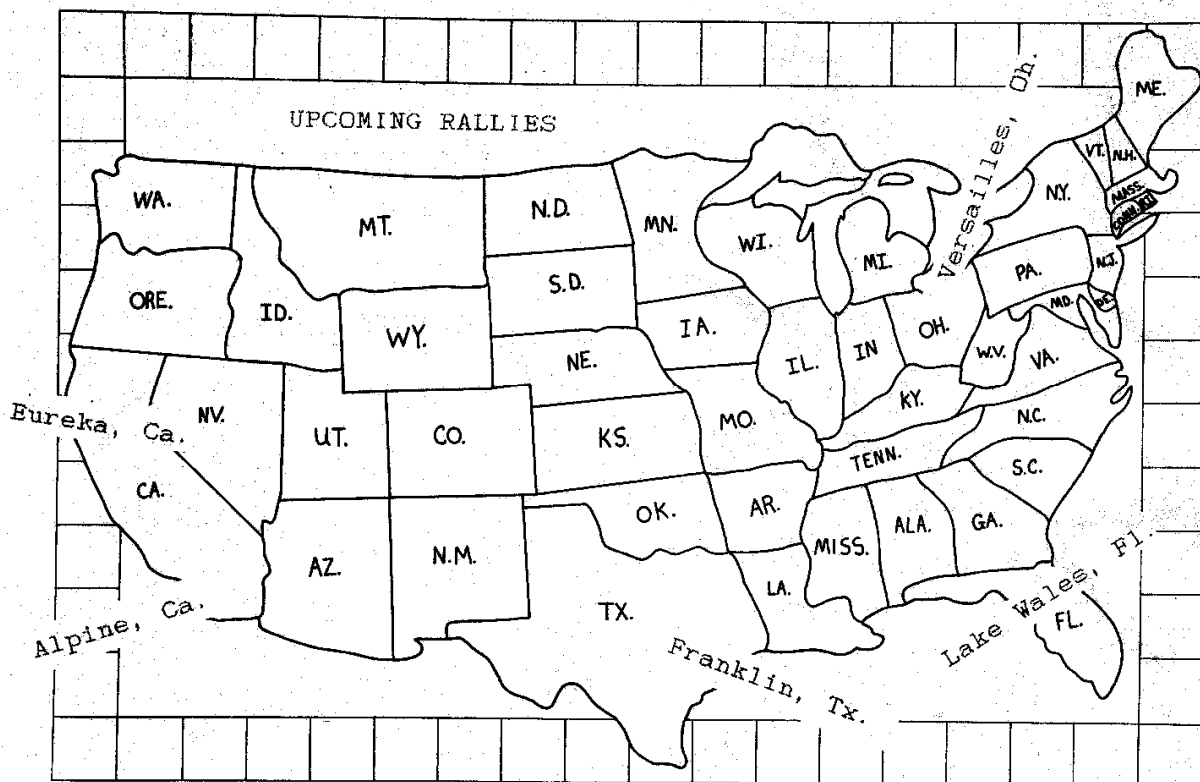
In assembling this Newsletter, it came out with an extra page; rather than leave it blank, I will try to explain what goes into our Newsletter.

Secretary gets most of instructions from By-Laws. Secretary does not edit--that is, does not omit any legitimate material sent in by members. I reserve the right to correct misspelling, and not to print the same things twice. Typewritten copy is much easier than handwritten copy; if given half a chance, you will get computer printing, such as this.

This edition of the Newsletter was rather easy to assemble; all of the Rally fliers were rather well done. Two had to be shrunk, because the printer needs at least a 3/8" margin all around. This was done on a copying machine--this particular machine can also enlarge.

I am still getting dues checks here for the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club. Please send them to Kathy Polus, like it says on the application blank. I am still Secretary-Treasurer for Group Ultra Van, which publishes "Whales on Wheels". Those dues should come to me.

Maybel's oldest brother, Ellsworth, passed away on October 18, after a long illness. This is why we did not make it to Ruidoso. We hope to see all of you at the Texas National.



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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



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Join more than 400 other members, over 200 coaches, coast to coast.
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Date Application mailed _____

Enclosed is our \$15.00 check to cover dues for the Ultra year (Nov.1 -Oct 31)

NAME _____ husband _____ wife _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ (PLEASE PRINT) _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Alternate Address: Summer ☐ Winter ☐ (Check one)

ADDRESS _____ (PLEASE PRINT) _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Membership: ☐ New ☐ Renewal (Check one)

Make of Coach: ☐ Ultra ☐ Tiara ☐ Travelon ☐ Associate: Make _____
 Coach Number/s _____

Make check payable to: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc., and mail to Kathy Polus,
 Treasurer, 4030 Citradora Drive, Spring Valley, CA 92077.