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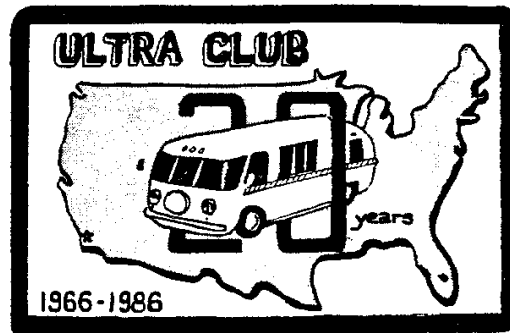
ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB



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Officers, 1990 Ultra Year:

President: Robert Franz #472; Vice President: Gladys Bell #546
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, Nobia Suckow #331.

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.

The 1990 Directories have been printed and are ready for distribution. New members are sent one with the Welcome package. Others, come to the next Rally; Directories will be there. If you can't make it to the next Rally, arrange for someone who will to pick up yours.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"SPIRIT OF ULTRA VAN CLUB"

It is with pride that we can observe that an increasing number of Ultras are being upgraded mechanically, renovated interiorly, and repainted on the outside. Many of the mechanical improvements add to safety as well as increase the number of trouble-free miles. The Ladies, primarily, are doing a tasteful job of redecorating. Many of the paint jobs on the west coast and among those seen at the 1989 National, have stripings or bands of contrasting colors that have a lowering and elongating visual effect. There are reports of first time Ultra viewers now making comments of a much more complimentary nature. Even a few have asked, "Where are these being made?" Besides the general satisfaction from the points above, the coaches are worth more if any misfortune necessitates selling.

The Spirit of Ultra is truly there in the generous exchange of ideas, materials, and, even at times, a helping hand.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Bd", is written below the word "Yours,".

Rally Program for Cottonwood Lakes rally June 20-24, 1990

Wednesday

9:00 Coffee with muffins by Neva
10:00 Crafts and tech sessions if wanted
1:30 more tech and crafts if wanted
7:00 A "get acquainted game" by the hosts

Thursday

9:00 Coffee with breakfast refreshments
10:00 Tour of your choice: Armstrong Space Museum, or Johnstone Farm, or Air Force Museum
7:00 Evening games and videos

Friday

9:00 Coffee with breakfast refreshments
10:00 Crafts and Tech sessions
1:00 Tour t to Garst Museum
4:30 Leave Garst Museum. go to Baltus Restaurant for dinner via Annie Oakley's grave
7:00 Evening games

Saturday

9:00 Coffee with breakfast refreshments
10:00 Business meeting
1:00 Craft and Tech session with visit by Dayton Corvair Club
3:00 Freezer Frolics
6:00 Chicken box supper
7:00 Candle light auction

Sunday

8:30 Coffee with breakfast refreshments
9:30 Church service

Notes: On tours- Neil Armstrong museum in nearby Wapakoneta, Ohio, his birthplace. A good two hours of space exploration, history, and artifacts. The Johnstone farm- good early 1800's restoration and accompanying Indian museum. Three hours at nearby Piqua. Air Force museum- in Dayton, 40 miles distant, all day trip; a world class museum. The Garst museum in nearby Greenville, Ohio features Annie Oakly, Lowell Thomas and others, all native "sons". Le ave directly from there to eat out at a local restaurant. The Saturday evening box supper will be catered by a local church who specializes in them. The auction goes back to 1600's England where such things got started. For the auction- bring items "you can live without". Bring videos of past rallies, games and whatever.



VERSALLES, OHIO JUNE 20-24 1990



Remember: No potluck supper this rally!

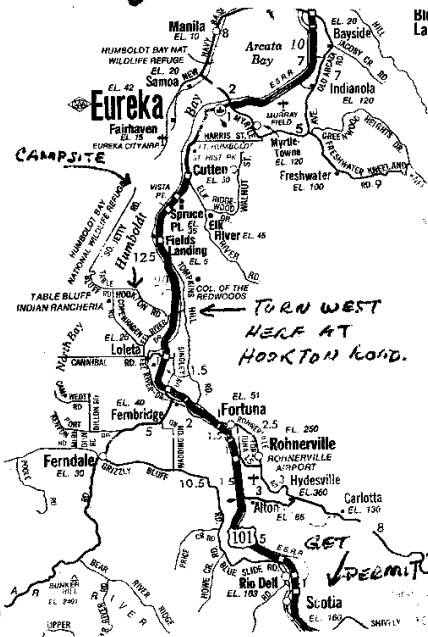
COTTONWOOD LAKES

The Eureka Anchorage
 in Humboldt Bay.
 (Western Regional Rally)
 July 19-23, 1990



CAPTAIN JAMES

Hoist your sails and the
 jolly Roger and join Captain
 James and his motley crew
 of Humboldt Bay pirates for
 a few days of feasting
 and merrymaking.



"Sail with our Team
 into the Future!"

HOSTS:

CAPTAINS JAMES, ROBERT + MORY AND
 FIRST MATES MARLENE, ROBERTA + ESTHER

DETAILS →

Landing Site (Rally site to you landlubbers): North End of "South Jetty Road" on Humboldt Bay

Directions: From highway "101" turn west on Hookton Road, then Bluff Road, continue down hill (very narrow) to South Jetty Road, go north to end of road. (It is approximately 9 miles from "101" to end of South Jetty Road) We will anchor the Whales (Ultras) in a circle, facing into the wind if space permits. (See map)

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR CAMPING: GO TO MAIN OFFICE OF PACIFIC LUMBER CO. IN SCOTIA, CA, and ask for Susan. Ask for a camping permit for the South Jetty Area. The Pacific Lumber office is 11 miles south of Hookton Road. From highway "101" turn west into plant just past shopping center and continue on to main office. Office hours are 7:30 to 4:30, closed 12:00 to 1:00 PM. This is a free, no charge camp area. Come early and stay late if you desire.

DETAILS: This will be a dry camp (no water) on a hard dry sand/dirt area. Weather is cool at night and early in the morning. Can be either very warm or cool in the middle of the day. Bring: water, chairs, tables, tarps, firewood, fishing gear (license required), hiking shoes for beach walking, sunglasses and Mystery Gift, Silent Auction items, and a big smile for everyone. Beautiful beach (5 miles long) within 100 yards and good to fair ocean fishing in nearby channel (100 yards from camp) of Humboldt Bay. (Salmon and yellowtail among others are caught here)

First day (Thursday July 19th) Captain James and his motley crew of Humboldt Bay pirates will serve a Pirates Stew, beginning at Four Bells (4:00 PM Landlubbers!) Those that do not contribute to the pirates stew will "walk the plank". Ark, Ark! Captain James has ordered all ye landlubbers of those lumbering fire breathing Whales to lay up ye sails at the anchoring site and join in on an evening of feasting, downing some grog and telling of your adventures getting to the anchoring site. NOTE: Captain James has decreed that you may dress as a pirate if you feel brave enough. Ark, Ark! (Have you ever seen a Pirate Captain's lady? Ark, Ark!)

July 19th - Thursday -- (See comments above) Bring mystery gift wrapped in newspaper, (\$5 limit) for Pirates Treasure Chest.

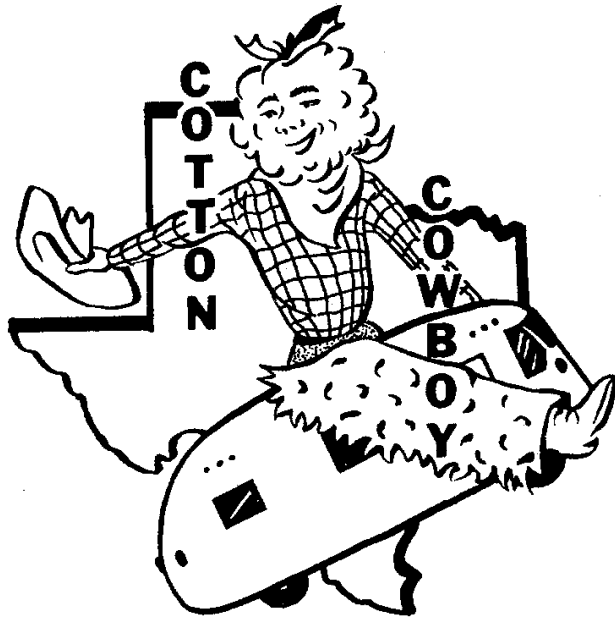
July 20th - Friday ---- Pack picnic lunch for tour of Pacific Lumber Co. Mill. Tour the town of Ferndale (100 year old plus Victorian town settled by Danish people) Friday evening - Pirate dogs roosted by Captain James' pirates of Humboldt Bay. All landlubbers bring salads, grog, desserts and etc.

July 21st - Saturday -- Tech session and crafts, fishing, beach combing. General Meeting (1 to 2 Bells) Pirates Beach Feast (Potluck, landlubbers!) at 4 Bells. And a Silent Auction during the day (Bring any item you would like to sell) Captain Bob and Captain Mory will be in command of the auction.

July 22nd - Sunday ---- Church Services - Lunch at the Samoa Cook House (Bring something to share for the services. Poems, experiences, etc.)

July 23rd - and on ---- Free days - Hoist the Skull and Cross Bones and see what happens.

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

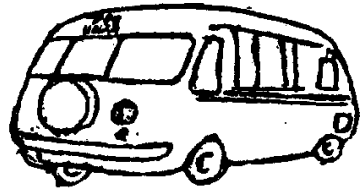
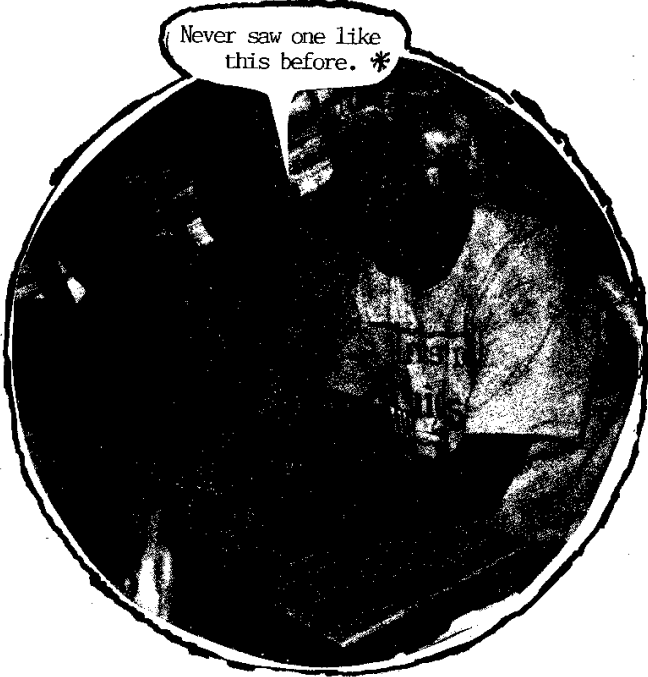
(35 miles)

- 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.

Never saw one like this before. *



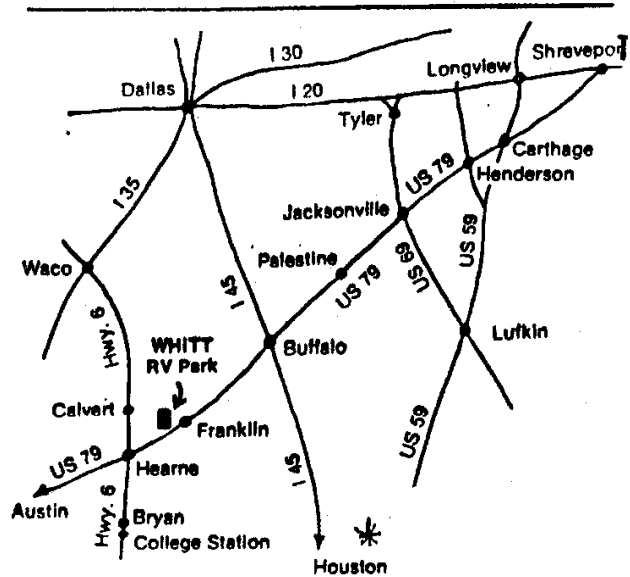
HOSTS:

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!



FLORIDA SPRING RALLY 1990

Great! Great! Great! The Spring Rally of the Eastern Group was positively GREAT! It was held at the Florida Lions Camp, the same as last year, from March 25 thru April 1. Weather was great, attendance was great, food was great, fellowship was great, meetings were great but none as great as our hosts: Pete and Rose Schuler and Norris and Charlene Houck. We were so sorry to learn upon arriving the Houcks would be limited to only a few days with us. Charlene was facing a series of treatments but before they could get started she broke out with Shingles on her face and anyone who has had Shingles know how she was suffering but she was there and doing her part.

We were busy all the time. Rose had crafts and crafts. The men were always in tech sessions--whether in one of the meeting rooms or out in the campground in or under an UltraVan. One time Rose ran back to their unit to get something she had forgotten and upon return said was so crowded she could hardly get in or out and that a wheel was off. Gus said Walt, Pat and Norm had really done their homework beforehand. You should see the collection Norm has made and compiled in book form of past happenings of the UltraVan Motor Coach Club. He has spent many hours doing this with many more required and many of us at the rally spent many hours perusing them. The ladies made wreaths, learned how to cover clothes hangers like the one Rose gave to each and everyone, painted animals and made mobiles with them, made heart decorations and she even had her sewing machine with her to facilitate the work and we also made "Rudolph" and that is when Pat & Marge's grandson Andy shone. He was a big help to "old" ladies like me who get shaky at times. Youngsters are so far advanced these days.

A group went to see the Passion Play one night and found it to be very outstanding and very enjoyable. We had a Chili supper and Rose even soaked the dry beans to make it. That time we ate in the main Dining Room as was near the kitchen. Then when we had the famous Pot Luck we ate in the room where most of the activities were held including the Coffee Hour with Goodies every morning. Now we have said many times before but how does all that delicious food come out of our Ultra kitchens. After the Pot Luck Norm held his "mini raffle". What fun! We had all donated an item or two, then bought tickets to see if we would be the lucky one to get such and such as article. What surprises! And with good results. One evening was spent playing games (besides euchre, dominoes, rummy tiles etc) and after that we had a story telling time. Were they the truth? Saturday evening we got dressed up and went to the posh River Ranch for a Buffet Supper that no one could outdo. Ate all we could while enjoying Robert Maxwell Case, Country Music Singer-Songwriter. Then believe it or not we went to the Rodeo held on the grounds. Many were of the opinion Rodeos were held only in the West but they were mistaken. Church was held on Sunday morning in the Chapel with the peacocks wandering around. Our appreciation to Clyde, Don and Marilyn. Then it was time to say "Good Bye".

Those in attendance: Schulers, Joys, Stantons, Walthers, Grangers, Helm-kays, Davisons, Randies, Amkermans, McMasters, Hunters, Richards, Driggers, Date, Coens, J. Fitzgerald, Harveys, Guthries, Harry Light (visitor), Rudolphs, Houcks and the following drive-ins: Brinings, Bartletts, Eric Lee and Archie Marks and Geof Rumble drove in on Saturday afternoon only.

Charlene and Norris: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pete and Rose: We thank you.

Neva Brining

MINUTES of FLORIDA RALLY

The business meeting of the Florida Rally, Lake Wales, Florida was called at 1:40 P M on Friday, March 30, 1990, by our Eastern Director, Pete Schuler.

The minutes of the Cumberland Rally in June was read by Rose Schuler and approved as read.

The subject of the proposed O-Ring Flip was presented again and Pat Fitzgerald advised nothing definite as yet. Walt Davison asked for additional time as many items must be taken into consideration when planning such an event. If anyone has any input as to a site or other information to please advise.

The Wagonmaster's report was given by Pete as follows: 21 registered, 43 people, 16 UltraVans, 4 X brands and 1 car.

Our Director also advised the Sheriff made no arrests during his tenure. He, Howard Walther, was unable to serve full time as found it necessary to depart early. Also advised the "mini raffle" conducted by Norm Helm-kay netted a total of \$76.00.

Norm gave a very interesting resume of his work forming a history of the UltraVan and the UltraVan Motor Coach Club, Inc. Thanked both Pat and Gus for all the material they had furnished and requested historical items you might have on hand. If you wish to keep, he will make copies and return the originals to you as he has done on several occasions.

Eastern Director: Don Richards presented the name of Clyde Stanton, was seconded by Walt Davison, heartily agreed on by all and he accepted.

Walt read a "Certificate" confirming Bob Joy as a "certified mechanic" on tearing down, repairing and reassembling an alternator and starter and he graciously accepted. (His examination was during a tech session.)

Caravan: Jean McMasters advised there would be another caravan to the National in Texas this Fall and for all those interested to get in touch with him.

March 1991 Florida Rally: After much discussion was agreed to hold the 1991 Spring Rally again at the Florida Lions Camp while during the year scouting for another location equally as good for future rallies. The date will be March 10 thru March 17 so as not to interfere with Easter activities. Jean was to confirm the date with Mrs. Andress on Monday. Jean to chair the event.

The Schulers and Houcks were thanked for hosting.

June Rally in Ohio: Neva gave a report on Cottonwood Lakes and Don told of activities. Do come! The date June 20 to 24. See flyer in Newsletter for additional information.

National Rally: It was announced Norm is a member of the National Nominating Committee and Louis Griggs is the National Secretary. The charge for the National this year is \$50.. for the week or \$9.00 per day. After discussion it was agreed for the Easterners to host a breakfast and also

a dessert during the National--the men to do the breakfast and the ladies the dessert. Marian Grootenhaar, as chairman, appointed the Hunters in charge of Goodie Bags. After discussion it was agreed for the Hunters to check the possibility of a plaque and eliminating the Goodie Bags. Pat suggested the awarding of the Ernie Award yearly should be brought before the National as he felt it should be awarded on merit only and not something to be done yearly. He also spoke of the association of Whales on Wheels with the UltraVan Motor Coach Club, Inc. and after considerable discussion it was decided to table the objection to be reopened at a latter date.

Recess from 3:30 to 3:45 for all to close windows as electrical storm approaching. During this time Bill & Patty Welle, Nokomis, Florida, were introduced and expressed their interest in purchasing an UltraVan.

Norm addressed the group about forming a "Prospective Member" Club, that he felt would be of great advantage in the future because of the known ages of present members. After discussion it was moved by Pat to adopt the suggestion, have Norm write the resolution, get the required number of signatures and as a Director present it to the Board of Directors for adoption or rejection. Seconded by Walt. Motion carried.

Pat also made a motion to bring up at the National to have a ruling to make a standard policy on advertising carried in the Newsletter. Seconded by Jean McMasters. Motion carried.

A move for adjournment was made at 4:40. Motion carried.

Neva Brining
Acting Secretary

Letter from Neva

There was a lot of talk about Jerry Hutton so when we got home I placed a call to his daughter and got an answering machine. Told it my story and the next day we got a call from Jerry. Yes, his new Motorhome did burn. Was Jan. 5 in McAllen, Texas, while leaving a park. Overhead wires caught on his A/C. He was able to back up and then when he got on top to lift the wires, one snapped in two and when it hit the top everything went up in flames within seconds. We heard he had ~~been~~ been knocked off and hurt badly which wasn't true. His son and daughter flew down to help him salvage what he could. Flew back to Michigan with the daughter and is now living in an apartment near her. His address is: 35,700 Hunter Ave., Apt 107, Westland, Mich. 48185
Phone: 313 721-6029.

He has ordered a Ford Van of some kind and is having it equipped for living. Said should get it in about two weeks. Has not been getting his Newsletter. Is it because of his moving around or hasn't he paid his Dues?

Rally Report--Ma-Tar-Awa Rally

Ma-Tar-Awa means wide open spaces in Indian, and it sure lives up to the name. Green grassy meadows are plentiful with cows, calves and bulls grazing around our April rally site under huge oak trees on the Viejas Indian Reservation, in Alpine, Ca. When we arrived on Thursday morning Al Polus, Glen & Becky Moen had strung colored lights all around where our circle of Ultras parked. It looked so festive! There was a big group there on Thursday for our huge pot of hobo atew. The evening was cool, and that stew sure hit the spot. Our big kettle was on loan from Elaine and Noel Koller--who wanted to be here, but weren't back from Texas, yet. We had a big, roaring fire later, and Hank Yakel played his harmonica for us. Threasa had several games that could be played in our chairs around the fire. They were fun and funny. We thank her for the big box of prizes that she furnished. She brought Ethel Starbird to the rally with her. We extend our very deepest sympathy to Ethel, on the passing of Harold.

We had a new Wagonmaster this rally--"Aussie" Glen Moen--watch out, Mel Dinesen--he's learning fast. Thanks to Becky and Glen for all their help. Gladys Bell kept the ladies busy with her cute craft ideas each day, and Jim Craig always had a crowd for tech sessions.

Friday night we drove into Alpine, a quaint little town, for our dinner out, at the famous "Bread Basket". We had 44 attending--some stayed in town to shop, while others went back to camp to start our fire for the evening. Kathy Polus and Carol Perlich kept hot popcorn coming--popped in the Perlich's micro-wave.

Something new to me was the silent auction. Jim Craig and Leonard Tekaat sure wanted that Ultra taillight of PW's-- the final bid went to Jim, but I think Leonard ended up with most of the items on the tables--by the way, Brenda, did you get your gloves? A hot item was a diesel electric horn, but the fellows almost got into real trouble tooting that during the Board of Directors meeting.

There was a brand new poker casino not far away--no one lost any money on the poker tables, but their 99c breakfasts were a big hit with several of our members. Saturday was our pot-luck dinner, and a good one, as usual. I copied Nobie's recipe for Frogs' Eye salad--now, if I can just find frogs' eyes in San Diego? There was a beautifully decorated cake for all of the recent birthdays and anniversaries. Later on, we had our mystery gift exchange, followed by some trading. We had lots of wood to use up, so we started our fire early and enjoyed more games, more popcorn, and more stories.

Sunday morning Services were led by the Polus' minister, Chaplain Glen Lauby, from the Wakeside Wesleyan Church. Norene Decibus rendered a beautiful song--a truly inspirational program. We all started saying goodbyes--til we meet again. Our tame little ground squirrel was sorry to see us leave, I'm sure, as we had kept him well fed for four days; but I noticed as we left the cows, calves, and bulls looked over at us from the meadow as if to say "They're gone--now we get our space back under the trees." Kathy & Al Polus planned a beautiful rally, and we thank them.

Total number of vehicles--26 . Total of Ultras 21
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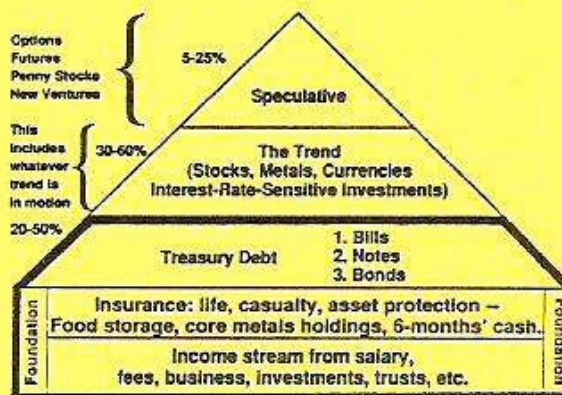
Respectfully Submitted by Evelyn Donaldson

ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ★★★★★

"GIVE a man a fish and you've fed him for a day. TEACH a man to fish and you've fed him for a lifetime."

THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE: There have been several requests recently for more investment-type information, so in this issue let's attempt to examine some late developments. At rally Financial Seminars we've talked about such subjects as -- Living Trusts, Holographic and Witnessed Wills, Power of Attorney (durable), Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), the costs of Probate, handling difficult legal or merchandising problems, the Bank/Pension-Fund/Insurance crisis, Estate matters (40% of all deaths are "intestate"), Tax Saving strategies, investments keyed to various situations, and many other subjects. It is easier to verbally discuss such matters at Seminars than it is to write about them, because there people ask questions and offer comments. When writing one can only try to "guess" what information will be useful to the majority of readers.

YOUR FINANCIAL PYRAMID: Almost all RELIABLE Investment Advisors today are stressing SAFETY. The bottom foundation of any portfolio must be in SOUND holdings -- at least 20% to one-HALF of one's total estate must be secure and as SAFE from failure as possible. Carefully do study the pyramid and note all the suggestions within the heavy lines. The remaining investable funds (depending upon each family's peculiar situation) might be employed in good, diversified, very conservative equities that offer higher earnings with modest risk. These days we



advise not over 10% of one's resources be in speculative vehicles. Some people are seduced by "high yields" forgetting that their principal might get blown away. For example: U.S. T-Bills earn around 8%; you can get 12 to 14% in Canadian T-Bills. Ah, but--the C\$ may drop against our \$ by the maturity date, making your earnings zero or less (as we learned from experience many years ago). Study the above pyramid...reduce your risk.

"ONE DAY of worry can be much more exhausting than a WEEK of hard work."

DORMANT ECONOMY AHEAD: The rosy reports out of Washington are largely illusory. No doubt, the establishment feels the "power of SUGGESTION" will help prevent a recession. Millions of good citizens thus continue to remain complacent. But, dear ULTRA friends, let us read between the lines. The bottom line: We see nothing in the economy that leads us to believe we aren't already in a depressionary period. Why? Investment capital is drying up, Federal, corporate, and personal debt is at an all time high, liquidity is worsening, bankruptcies are at the 1931-32 rate. Employment (for many) is slowing, Business profits, on average, are skidding. Many families should prepare for more difficult times---now. We've had 7-years of BOOM; expect a few years of HARD TIMES ahead. Not a soul on earth can predict how DEEP it will go. I'm optimistic. Most full-time experts we study expect a gradual slowing - much worse as we enter 1991. In all of this I see a message of HOPE -- NOT a message of despair or gloom. All of us who know WHAT is going on...and prepare...will not suffer. The un-aware (and complacent) millions are set to lose the most. Conditions vary throughout the Nation--some states have seen considerable slowing in sales and profits, in others business is still very strong.

Postscripts---#2

INSIDE INFORMATION: Maybe it's just to be VERY FUNNY, but a late survey coming out of Germany tells us their citizens, on average, change their underwear ONCE a week. If that's an accurate poll there, wonder how it would compare with us? So far as is known, no one has conducted a similar "inside" survey in America. But, now we can expect one.

WHERE TO GET ADVICE: Some investors SELF-advise. 'Other-opinion' often is biased--should never be accepted without a grain of salt. Most consultants are out to sell you something...they get a commission on "what" they are suggesting...or, they get a "kick-back" for promoting this or that. Should anyone DEPEND on such advice? Not much! Is there any unbiased source for good honest information? Well, there is American Institute For Economic Research, at Great Barrington, Mass. 01230-1000. This is a non-profit "Think Tank" University which my office has used for some 20-years for data confirmation. Of course, we can only speak for the past. AIER has been accepting \$10-trial (quarter Year) subscriptions. If interested, try them by sending a check, requesting their "INVESTMENT BULLETIN" on trial to see if it will be helpful. Annual subs now are around \$48. Another source for unbiased information is: Christian Financial Concepts, 601 Broad St., S.E., Gainesville, Ga. 30501. Ask for "HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY"-- so far (for several years) it has been free - since it carries listings of their Seminars at Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, etc., churches nationally. Another NO-fee place to ask questions---as you know I've retired from active practice---but all past-experience is at your service---just call or drop a note. Glad to oblige. The coming financial firestorm that some economists are predicting will disrupt many families. No one can say when it will strike--next month, or several years ahead. If it NEVER happens--"Yours Truly" will be the first to cheer - loudly. Meanwhile, the few who understand OPPORTUNITY can build up a defense. End of sermon!

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." --- Hosea 4:6-OT

PEACE OF MIND: A tramp who suns himself on the green grass alongside a road, may have as much personal "security" as RICH MEN very often long for. The hobo's peace-within-self is "how" he THINKS. Most property-unhampered vagabonds, knowingly or not, employ the "KISS" line of reasoning (Keep It Simple, Stupid). The equity dangers and heavy debt load carried by some, supposedly, very affluent families would worry near-to-death or stifle the very joy-of-living - for many of us. Money MATTERS, but it isn't everything! Many more people should employ the KISS line of thought. Most of us value INTEGRITY above every other attribute in life (we do). Honesty and responsibility to others, promotes the Christian heritage that good men and women cherish. "Above all, to thine own self be true."

Many of our LAWS are like "spiderwebs" through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught. Congress voting ITSELF that massive pay grab? Millionaires--who pay no income taxes? S & L executive fraud?

THANK YOU, THANK YOU: The nice "To Let You Know We're Thinking Of You" Greeting Card, signed by nearly 40 club members at the MA-TAR-AWA motor-home rally, was really appreciated. All preliminary tests and measurements have been completed and Edna is scheduled for eye surgery June 6th. The date had to be rescheduled. Thanks again for all your love and concern.

AUTOMOTIVE MOLYBDENUM: Many members have been using "Auto Moly", "Gear Moly" and "Lifetime Moly Grease" produced by PACIFIC LUBRICANTS CORP. After 115,000 miles the Olds in #603 runs like new. Believe Jim Craig carries a supply, and it has always been available from J.C. Whitney Co., at 1917 Archer Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60680 (phone #1(312)431-6102). It is shown AGAIN in their 10% discount CATALOG #518J (just out) on pages #1 and #161. Just thought you might like to know. If interested contact Jim or phone J.C.

Yours Truly, Ernest Newhouse

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

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| Checking Account Balance, as of February 10, 1990 | | \$ 3,099.21 |
| Benham Capital Management Money Fund | | 2,000.46 |
| Treasury Balance as of February 10, 1990 | | <u>5,099.67</u> |
| Receipts: | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 375.00 | |
| Benham Capital Management Interest | 37.18 | |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | .50 | |
| Merchandise Sales (Mory Snyder) | <u>17.00</u> | |
| Total Quarterly Receipts | | 429.68 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Directory Printing | 400.00 | |
| Postage for Decal Mailing | 5.55 | |
| Emblems | 29.55 | |
| Coach Numbers | 57.38 | |
| Newletter Expenses (May) | <u>500.00</u> | |
| Total Quarterly Disbursements | | 992.48 |
| Checking Account Balance as of May 10, 1990 | | <u>2,536.41</u> |
| Benham Capital Management Money Fund | | 2,000.46 |
| Treasury Balance as of May 10, 1990 | \$ | <u><u>4,536.87</u></u> |

Respectively Submitted,

Katherine R. Polus

Katherine R. Polus, Treasurer

Silver Stars and Oak Leaf Clusters.

Do you qualify for one or more of these? See page three of the last newsletter (Winter 1989) to verify your name and which award you are entitled to. If you have not received your award or your name is not shown and you qualify, please advise me and I will mail it to you. (State which award/awards your qualify for) Jim Craig, 7011 Sunny Vista Rd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252 (Note: The 100,000 mile dash plaques will be given out at the 1990 National Rally.)

Please add the following to your 1990 Directory:

Richard & JoAnn Badstibner
770 NW 37th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33309
Ph: 305-561-8791 Coach 487

Harry L. & Helen Fox
HCR Box 256
Pearce, AZ. 85625
Ph: 602-824-3418 Coach T-2011

Richard & Retta Kossow
983 N. Rice Rd.
Ojai, CA. 93023
Ph: 805-646-3316
Coach 203

Jerry & Judy McCoy
3532 Ill. Trail P. O. Box 1602
Frazier Park, CA. 93225
Ph: 805-245-3316
Coach 414

Richard & Mary Pase
19463 Loxahatchie R. Rd.
P. O. Box 1042
Jupiter, FL. 33458
Ph: 407-746-5723 Coach 373

Howard & Daryl Sproul
2846 Washington Blvd.
McKeesport, PA. 15133
Ph: 412-678-2594
Coach 315

Jerry Pease
7735 Pacific Avenue
Lemon Grove, CA. 92045
Ph: 619-466-9999
Coach 304

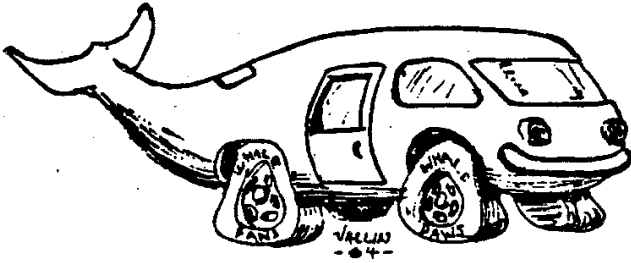
Raymond & Margaret Massey
P. O. Box 47
Holbrook, NB 68948
Ph: 308-493-5335
Coach 402

Lee & Renee Richardson
38804 Yucca Tree
Palmdale, CA.
Ph: 805-947-8701
Coach 476

Leonard & Brenda Tekaat
1943 Driftwood Street
Bakersfield, CA. 93309
Ph: 805-397-9189
Coach 220

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

TECHNICAL WHALE TALES



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Technical Whale Tales

Several good tips were sent in for this newsletter, two of which are noted below, the others have not been returned from the authors after being reviewed by the technical committee. Perhaps the author didn't approve of the committee's comments. If this type of review is not desired, advise the President and/or myself.

If you type your own technical tip to be printed in the newsletter, it would be appreciated if you would use the format for the heading as shown on the following tech tips. Except that you would leave an open space for the tip number.

*Thanks
Jim Craig*

Ultra Technical Tip #4-90: Engine Valve Seal/Spring Replacement. Ref. Ultra Manual, Section 13, page 5 and 14, page 4. Norm Helmkey #547

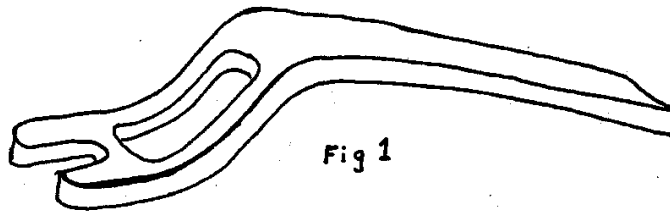
In talking to an good old mechanic friend last fall about replacing a broken Corvair valve spring along the roadside, he mentioned an idea so simple, it amazed me that I had not heard of it before.

Most of us who twist a wrench know how to use air pressure to hold the valve on the seat while a spring or valve seal is changed, but what do you do out on the road where there is no compressed air?

First remove the nut, ball and rocker of the valve to be worked on. This ensures the valve is tight on the seat to start. Remove the spark plug and feed a 3 foot piece of cotton or nylon sash cord (about 1/4 inch diameter) through the spark plug hole into the cylinder just as the piston starts the compression stroke, leave about 6 inches of cord hanging out.

With all the spark plugs out, it not usually hard to turn the motor over with the crank pulley and as the piston comes up, the cord fills the combustion chamber, blocking the valves up. Turn until just snug, but not be so far to make it hard to back off to get the cord out.

When the valve is blocked, compress the spring using a tool like the KD No. 914 (Fig 1), bolted to the rocker stud to lever the spring down to get the valve keepers out. Be careful not to loose the shim(s) under the valve spring. Do only one valve at a time so there is no possibility of mixing up the spring and keeper parts.



When done, gently rock the crank backward to release cord, then on to the next valve if necessary.

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Ultra Technical Tip #5-90: Parking Brake Cable Removal. Ref. Ultra Manual, Section 11, page 20. Norm Helmkey #547

When I first heard this idea at a tech session, I took it for granted that everyone carried a selection of aircraft type hose clamps for emergencies. They can easily be screwed together to make almost any size clamp you need.

After searching many newsletters and manuals I found no reference on how to use these clamps to unlatch the locking ears on cable ends, as they pass through the mounting bracket hole, so decided to write it up.

Unscrew the hose clamp all the way so the strap can be wrapped around the locking ears on the cable end. The tail of the clamp is put back into the screw sleeve with the edge of the strap just a bit back of the end of the locking ears that are holding the cable in the hole. As the screw is tightened the tips of the ears are compressed to let cable slip out of the hole. Easy Eh!

Ultra Technical Tip #6-90: New Replacement V/8 Engine Update. Ref. Ultra Manual, Section 14, page 14-2. Jim Craig #549

I noted in the last newsletter in the Technical column (Ref. Tip #3-90) that GM had available a new V/8 engine. They still do of course, but rumor has it that they are thinking about offering the 350CI/#345AP, High Output Engine with cast iron heads and intake manifolds in addition to the one noted in the Tip #3-90. Cost will be a lot less but it will be heavier. Stay tuned. I'll print the final news when I get it.

Ultra Technical Tip #7-90: Ping Control (New Product) Ref. Ultra Manual Section 13, page 13-11 Ed Harrison #324/Jim Craig #549

Ping Control allows timing to be adjusted a total of 15 degrees. Driver can set it with a knob control unit on dash. Verified on a V/8 only. Contact your local speed shop or the manufacturer for other applications. Cost: \$102.85. From: Autotronic Controls Corp., 1490 Henry Brennan Dr., El Paso, Texas 79936, phone (915) 857-5200.

Ultra Technical Tip #8-90: Roof Coating-Insulating Flexible Coating, Ref. Ultra Manual Section 1, page 1-10. Jim Craig#549/Lester Bell#546

Some Ultra owners have coated their van roofs with various brands of insulating materials and most are happy with the results. The following is a new product that will (according to the manufacturer's specs.) exceed all other coatings in providing maximum insulating qualities and waterproofing. It is called: ASTEC #100 Ceramic Insulating Coating.(Flexible Coating) It will exceed requirements of R-19, fiberglass material can be applied by roller. It is available in various colors, coverage is 100 sq. ft. per gallon. Available in five gallon containers at \$50 per. If you have a severe leaking roof, apply their ASTEC WPM#8 (Waterproof Membrane) prior to coating with #100. For your nearest dealer, contact the main office: ICC, Attn. Mr. Mike King, 954 South Highway 41, Inverness. FL 32650. 1-800-223-8494.

ULTRA COACH CLUB ARCHIVE REPORT 05/90
by Norm HelmKay #356/547

Your archive is progressing very well, but we still don't have it all.

The first five volumes were on display at the Spring Rally in Lake Wales and judging by the interest shown, I think we have a hit!!

All the archive will be at both the Ohio June rally and the National in Texas in the fall. After that, it is likely only selected volumes will be shown at future rallies. The volumes are organized as follows:

Volume 1) Over 175 pages of letters, advertising, advice from Ultra Inc. Kansas, Belco Kansas and Ultra California

Volume 2) Ultra Club Newsletters from 1966 to 1982 over 190 pages
We are missing a few early newsletters from 1967/68 and nearly all from 1980 to 1982

Volume 3) Ultra Club Newsletters from 1983 to 199x
Missing are: Winter '83, Spring '86 & '87, Fall '86 & '88

Volume 4) All manufactures manuals and some parts lists for factory installed original equipment

Volume 5) Tiara Literature, Ultra Magazine articles, Corvair special equipment, Corvair tips, Ultra "For-Sale" Lists '73-75

The only Club Rosters we have are 1970, 1987 and 1988. If you can spare any other years it would be much appreciated. Rosters are invaluable for tracking coach migration.

PAST ARCHIVE BUSINESS... So far, only a few takers for the 1973, 127 point Ultra Van Safety Check list, it seems the Ultra Club members back then were more safety concious than we are today. The 4 page list is available for \$1.00 postpaid.

It looks like the January 1971 rally at the Lion Country Safari with 66 coaches and 146 people holds the record, can we beat it in Texas?

Ernie Newhouse reports there were newsletters before 1971 and sent a few originals from 1967, '68 and '69. A real gem is the original membership organizational letter from 1966.

Factory Ultra Van Options - there were at least 82, including factory side blinker lights over the wheels, as shown on the invoice for #356.

NOTES FROM DAYS PAST... The GREAT DRAG RACE, yes on Sunday, October 31, 1971 at the Parker Arizona Airport, two Ultras came to the line. Dick Baker #401 with his SALIH Customized engine by Gary Bowman of Corvair City and Mech Mechem #224 with his stock 140 hp rig.

No reports of elapsed time, but #401 finished 1.8 seconds ahead.

How about today, could the "Ultra Drag" become a feature event at "The Great Western Fan Belt Toss"? V-8s and coaches without legal running lights or Ultra Van name plates would of course be disqualified.

Advertisement:

I have a 16 page article on the Tiara motor coach, written by a Jack Tillotson. It tells the complete story from design to finish. Lots of pictures. \$1 each to cover printing and postage. Jim Craig #549

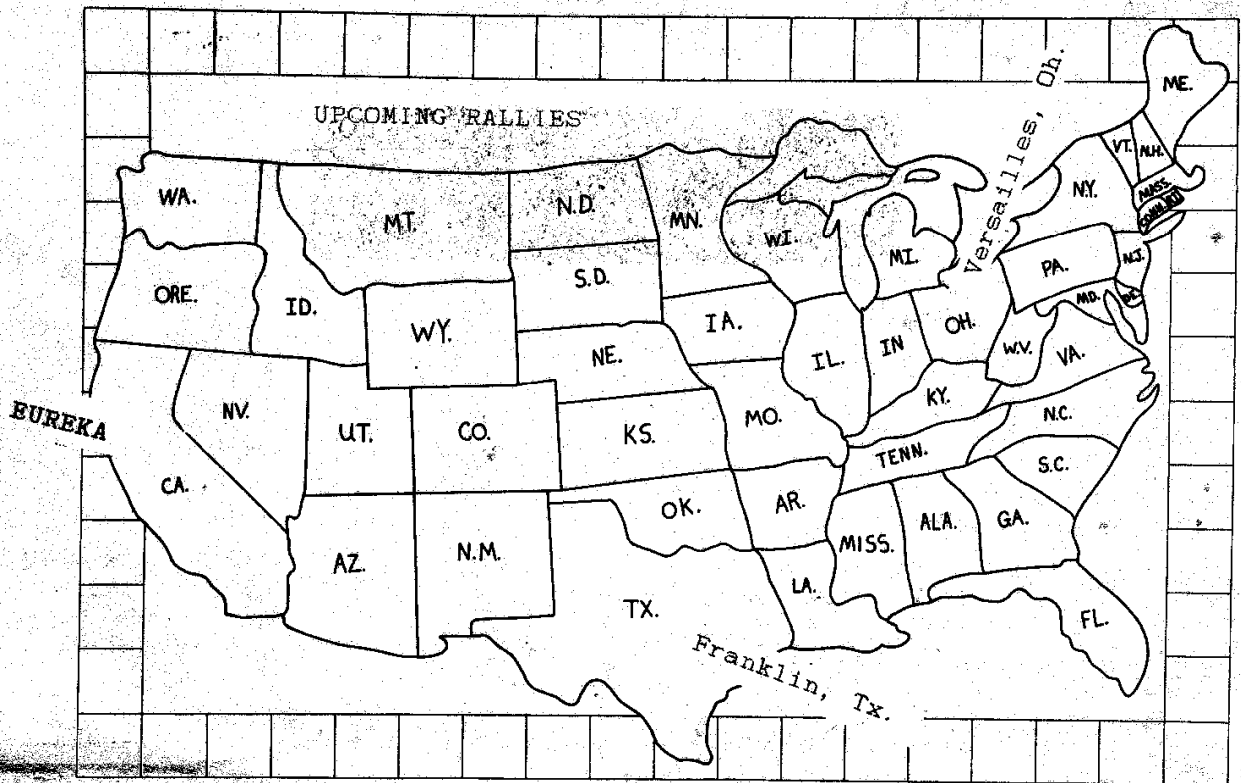
Coach for Sale

#414 Ultra Van 1968, 110 HP Corvair. Includes many parts and manual. Has small woodstove installed in it. Has air conditioning and generator. Will take best offer. Gerald McCoy, 3532 Illinois Trail P. O. Box 1602 Frazier Park, CA. Phone 805-245-3316

Peg Hemstreet #488 wishes to convey her thanks to the many members who sent her a lovely get-well card during her recent illness.

Final Trip

With deep regret we report the passing of Harold Starbird #495 on April 1, 1990, and Albert Hoffman A-549 on May 3, 1990.



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