Ultra Van Motor Coach Club

Spring 1996

President: Gordon Harvey #'s 469, 518, 529

Vice Pres: Jean McMasters #330 Secretary: Maybel Griggs #334 Treasurer: Louis Griggs #334

1994 Newhouse Award: Dan Reinhardt

Tech Coordinator: Louis Griggs

All reports of Regional Rallies, advertisements, or other input for the Newsletter are to be sent to the Secretary. There is no charge for advertisements; please allow a 3/8" margin on top and sides, and a 3/4" on bottom of copy (to make room for page number), preferrably using black ink. Any handwritten copy that you want typed should arrive a week or so before the deadline.

All dues are to be forwarded to the Treasurer. (same address) Save yourself postage -- inputs to Secretary and Treasurer can be put into the save envelope. Material for the Newsletter can be folded.

Technical tips are to be sent to the Technical Coordinator - use winter address. Amendments to the By-Laws are to be sent to the President. Look at your address label -- number after name is last two digits of year thru which you dues are paid. Deadline for Newsletter inputs are: February 15th, May 15th, August 1st, and November 15th.

Upcoming Rallies

March 1st-13th, 1996Ultra Van #101 Restoration Rally #3 - Joshua Tree, CA

March 19-23, 1996 Airstream Park, Christmas, Florida

May 1st-12th, 1996Ultra Van #101 Restoration Rally #4 - Joshua Tree, CA

May 13-16, 1996 Cane Creek Park, Waxhaw North Carolina

<u>September 24-29, 1996</u> **National Rally**, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

From the President's Desk- Gordon Harvey

First, I'd like to thank everyone for their concern over our health during the winter. Ruth and I are both on the road to recovery and hope to see many of you at the various rallies throughout the year.

From all reports so far, the Planning Committee has the 30th Anniversary Ultra Rally in Hutchinson well in hand. We will have a great rally there.

Since Hutchinson is so central to everyone in the country, I see no valid reason why we should not have the largest collection of Ultra Vans ever in one place. Please make your plans early to attend.

Finally, as this 30th Anniversary is such a unique milestone, in the club's history, I am also encouraging Associate Members and former Ultra Van owners to make a special effort to also come "Home to Hutchinson". There are many motels and eating places within a mile or two of the campsite at the Hutchinson Fairgrounds.

We all would like another chance to meet many old friends.

See you down the road ... especially at Hutchinson in September.

STARS! STARS! STARS!

<u>Stars</u> are issued for the total mileage that a <u>Coach</u> has been driven during its' life by all its' drivers.

Ultra Van #101 Restoration Rally #3

Date:

March 1st - March 13th, 1996

Where:

Desert Rendezvous Ranch 7011 Sunny Vista Road Joshua Tree, CA 92252 (619) 366-9104

Hosts:

Jim & Marlene Craig

Fees:

\$5.00 This will be a donation to the "Project Fund" plus a \$1.00 per day per person Rally fee.

Details: Rally #2 was a great success. A small turnout of seven families got a lot done on the 101. A new rear and main entrance door was built by Chance Fitzgerald, Ed Harrison, Dan and Bob Reinhardt, did electrical, metal repairs & other things. John Shattuck completed the 110 volt wiring & started on finalizing the 12 volt wiring. Lester Bell completed the rework on the sliding window structure that Walt Davison had started. Walt installed new wiring for the head lights & built new closure plates for the L/R chine beams. Many other small jobs were done by all of us. Plus new member Greg Zcopek installed all new metal brake lines from rear to front. Bob Franz completed the lines at the front & installed the rear hubs. Bob Ballew made a new fuel tank filler pipe.

Hopefully during RALLY #3 we will complete all of the items noted below and make it ready for paint. (No we did not make it to the Corvair, Palm Springs Meet with 101, but we had fun anyway)

Repairs Required:

- 1. Reseal the fuel tank and install cover.
- 2. Install new rear window
- 3. Anchor down new flooring
- 4. Install new windshields
- 5. Complete all electrical wiring
- 6. Install new side windows
- 7. Bleed & adjust brakes
- 8. Install engine & transaxle.
- 9. Repair rear fiberglass panels.
- 10. Finish stripping paint.
- 11. Repair structure at several areas.
- 12. Repair Bumper attach areas.
- 13. Install new fuel filler opening.
- 14. Many other small items.

So throw a few vittles in the old Ultra and come join us for a lot of fun. The rally will also include our usual BAR-B-CUE, POT LUCKS & ETC. A dash plaque will be given to new workers.

Get the SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

At the FLORIDA SPRING RALLY At AIRSTREAM PARK

Date:

March 19-23, 1996

Phone:

(407) 568-5207 (Emergency Phone)

Place:

Airstream Park

Activities:

Goddies & Coffee each morning

25525 E. Colonial Drive Christmas, Florida (St. Rt. 50) Exit 79, I-95

VILLES. GOOD

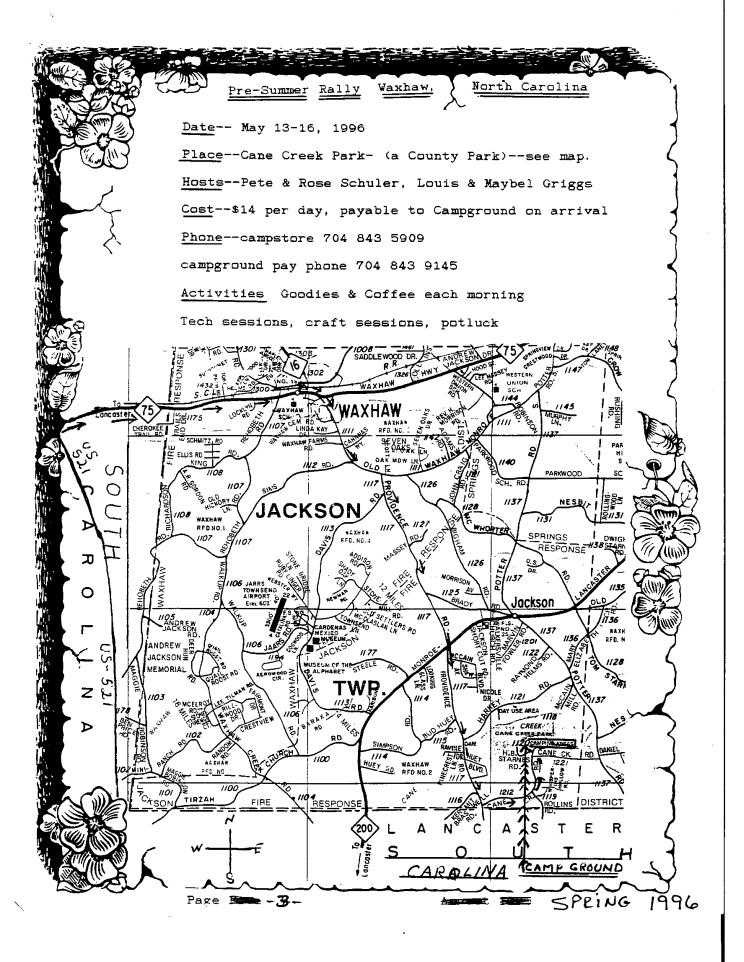
Tech sessions, Dinner out? Craft sessions, Pot Luck

Cost:

\$11.10 for 2 persons \$2.20 for each extra person Hosts:

Ackermans, Griggs

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ULTRA VAN #101 Restoration Rally #4

Date: May 1st. - May 12th. 1996

Where: Desert Rendezvous Ranch

7011 Sunny Vista Road

Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Hosts: Jim and Marlene Craig

Phone: (619) 366-9104

Fees:

\$5.00 - This will be a Donation to the "Project Fund".

\$1.00 per day, per person Rally Fee.

Details: Arrive with empty holding tank and adequate propane. (Local Dump station is closed.) There is one at 29 Palms. This #4 Rally will hopefully be the last one required prior to the National. We will probably be working on the interior and preparing the exterior for paint, in addition to various other jobs. We will be looking forward to having you join us. The weather should be excellent. (75 F - 90 F). We will be having our usual "potlucks", "Bar-B-Cues" etc.

Home to Hutchinson

September 24-37, 1996 Hutchinson, Kansas

Meet at Cheney State Park, 22 miles south of Hutchinson for night of September 23rd, then convoy to Hutchinson for parade on the morning of September 24th.

Committments were made to the Kansas State Fair for use of the fairgrounds for camping and building for our meetings. Also, we had to book the Cosmosphere for the Rally Buffet Banquet. Our cover charges must be paid early, so we are offering a special discount. Any Coach signed up by July 31, 1996 will save a nights camping costs.

5 Nights camping @\$14.00 70.00 2 Banquet tickets@\$11.00 22.00 1 Rally Registration 10.00

2 IMAX tickets @\$6.00 12.00 See Order on Back Page!

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114.00 Early Bird Special = \$100.00

Rally Committee

Chairman:Norm HelmkayRegistration:Margie FitzgeraldCrafts:Maybel GriggsMeet Plaques:Jean McMastersRallymaster:Clyde StantonTee Shirts:Don & Mickey RichardsGoodie Bags:Tennie RandleMeeting Prizes:Louis Griggs

Morning Coffee: Bonnie Granger Rally Agenda: Pat Fitzgerald

Here is a list of motels within a 2 mile radius of the Hutchinson Fairgrounds. Use this list if you wish to attend the National Rally without an RV.

Astro Motel, 15 East 4th, Hutchinson, KS 67501 1-800-633-1168

Best Western Sun Dome 11 Des Moines, S. Hutchinson, KS 67505 1-800-530-5462

Comfort Inn at the Mall K-61 & 17st 1621 Super Plaza, Hutchinson, KS 67501, 1-800-4-CHOICE

Quality Inn City Center 15 W. 4th Hutchinson, KS 67501 1-800-4-CHOICE

Ramada Inn 1400 N. Lorraine, Hutchinson, KS 1-800-669-9311

Scotsman 322 E. 4th, Hutchinson, KS 316-669-8281

Super 8 Motel 1315 East 11th, Hutchinson, KS 1-800-800-8000

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Balance, September 31, 1995: Receipts: Merchandise sold Dues	\$2164.69 879.82 780.00	
National Rally deposit refund	338.20	
National Rally fees Dividends, Al-Gar Federal Credit Uni	110.00 on 26.45	
Interest, Benham	34.33	
Sheriff fines at National Rally	1.51	
Total Receipts	2170.31	
Expenses: Rally refunds	42.82	
Merchandise bought for resale	272.80	
Liability Insurance	300.00	
Print & Mail Newsletter	300.00	
Engrave Ernie Award	7.20	
Total Expenses:	923.82	
Balance December 31, 1995	\$341	1.18
Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. Tre	asurer's Annual Report-1	995.
Balance, December 31, 1994	\$353	4.87
Receipts: Dues	2298.00	
Dividends: Al-Gar FCU	95.27	i
Benham Interest	105.25	
Merchandise sold	792.91	
Sheriff fines at National Rally	1.51	
National Rallies deposits returned		
National Rally Fees	110.00	
Total Income	4031.14	
Expenses: Mail & Print Newsletter	300.00	
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Expenses: Mail & Print Newsletter	300.00
Print Newsletter	760.14
Postage	595.09
Print Directory	739.44
Liability Insurance	300.00
Engraving Ernie Award	7.20
refunds	42.82
Filing Fee-Sec. of State-California	5.00
Deposit-National Rally @ Hutchinson, KS	200.00
buy Merchandise	721.58
buy checks	9.11
Buy banner from Silver City, NM KOA	111.25
Pastor at National Rally	25.00
Deposit Silver City, NM National Rally	338.20
Total Expenses 1995	1154.83

Balance, December 31, 1995

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Respectfully submitted, Louis C. Griggs, Treasurer

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Notes from the Secretary - Maybel Griggs

I would like to echo something our President has in his message; all former members of the Club are specifically invited to attend our "Home to Hutchinson" Rally in September. If you know of any of these, or any member that hasn't attended a Rally recently, please personally invite them to attend this one. Please check the list of motels that is in the National "write-up" and give this list to the former member, as they will not get the Newsletter. Thank you for doing this. We would like to make this Rally our biggest ever.

Notes from the Treasurer - Louis Griggs

The Club is getting along well financially. I can foresee no dues increase coming up. Dues remain at \$15.00 per year. A few suggestions on sending money. Do not put Treasurer on the outside of your envelope; this tells people (scoundrels, maybe) money is inside. I just received from one member an envelope with the bottom edge neatly scissored off: nothing was inside. A new Directory is in the works. Hopefully it will contain the updated By-Laws. A recent letter asks why we don't use more pictures? We would like to, just send them in!

Coaches and Parts For Sale

1968 Ultra Van #383 Corvair 110 Engine, Automatic, 3:55 gears, Cherrywood interior, recent upholstery and carpet, 20,000 miles on engine ring and valve jobs. 5000 miles on new tires. All glass good. Coleman furnace. paint solid could use new overcoat or cleanup. Video available showing all details. Ultra ready to travel. Price - \$4495.00. All offers considered. Owners have purchased another Ultra. - Jim Craig.

Parts

Foam Bumpers - \$40.00, Vinyl Covers \$15.00 each. Steel Bellcrank set w/o bearings - \$150.00 each. Ultra Automatic shift cables (22ft) - \$85.00 Replacement main door latch springs - \$2.00 Windshields (full size) \$495.00 each Pickup here. Windshields (full size) \$550.00 delivered to next rally Chrome headlight bezels - \$85.00 pair exchange (\$25.00 core) Rubber trim - headlight bezels - \$10.00 pair. Brake shoes, front & rear, 3845292, \$20.00 set (2 wheels) Backup clear lens, \$5.00 each.

Hundreds of more parts. Send for updated list. Jim Craig 7011 Sunny Vista Rd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252, (619) 366-9104.

BUMPERS Dick Granger is willing to reproduce his fiberglass bumpers for \$100.00 a pair plus shipping, payment with order. Phone Dick at 407-453-4094.

Shuttle Launch Information - Norm Helmkey

There are several Shuttle Launch dates in 1996 if you will be in Florida. A favorite viewing site for RV's is on the HWY 406 Causeway at Titusville. It's as close as you can get to the Complex 39 pads without being right inside the KSC Space Center.

At this location you are allowed to park FREE for 24 hours prior to a scheduled lift-off. For the best place, go over the lift bridge. There are also clean public toilets at the boat launch site on the north side. If you try to park along HWY #1, it will cost you up to \$20.00 per night.

Date	Launch	Missn	Orbiter Trip#
Feb 22	3:27 pm	STS75	Columbia 19
Mar 28	* 3:31 am	STS76	Atlantis 16
May 16	TBA	STS77	Endeavour 11
June	TBA	STS78	Columbia 20
August	* TBA	STS79	Atlantis 17
Nov.	TBA	STS80	Columbia 21
Dec.	* TBA	STS81	Atlantis 18
* Indicates	a night time launch		

Inside Florida, call 1-800-KSC-INFO for launch information. Outside Florida it is a 75 cent call to 1-900-321-LIFT or a long distance call to 1-407-867-4636.

For a comprehensive list of future Shuttle launches with details of the mission, crew, etc. Write to the following. Be sure to include the reference line on the bottom left of you envelope.

Reference: NASA

Space Shuttle John F. Kennedy Space Center Flight Schedule Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899

*** New Member ***

Steven Landsberg #252 587 Banner Avenue North Bay, ONT P1A 1X7 Canada

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ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS ****

Spring 1996----by Ernest Newhouse, Exec. Dir.

Dear Ultra Friends: Our greetings to every member. 1996 welcomes the THIRTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY since founding the nation-wide ULTRA organization. This "your" CLUB has brought everyone of us a multitude of rally travel opportunities and scores of wonderful friends and true fellowships we'd not otherwise have known. To me, the 30-years have passed very quickly (almost like the first year of living alone did). A number of you are more experienced than I in coping with loss of a dear spouse. So...if anyone has a helpful suggestion or so, any ideas will be sincerely welcomed. Life goes on: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. is still young and healthy. Edna was gratified and pleased and I'm PROUD of the way all the Members, Officers, Directors, and Volunteers have, over the years, nurtured and supported the association to its present maturity. Long live Ultra Motor Coach Club. At age 30, its future has only begun. Our thanks to all the Members who wrote or called the past several weeks. Yes... "thanks" is such a LITTLE word----no bigger than a minute. But there's a world of meaning and appreciation in it.

"Do not ever regret growing old.....it is a privilege DENIED to many."

THE LEMUR: Please say, "HELLO" to our ringtailed friend for his almost exact relationship to our vehicles. The "Lemur" is a rare creature. Take a good look at him. He is a native of Madagascar. The surviving number is unknown. A few are in Wild Animal Parks in the United States. The Lemur is becoming extinct. Look at him once more. You'll perhaps NEVER see this beautiful animal posing for a picture again. It was difficult to get him to pose for me. We hope his lack of modesty doesn't offend anyone. The Lemur should remind us of the equally rare Ultra Van. Like the Lemur, Ultra is also a "protected" rare specie. It too is limited in numbers. With the printed advice of several Club EXPERTS,

all Ultras remaining can survive like new. THE FIRST ONE EVER PRODUCED is now being RESTORED. It will soon be as good as, or better than, brand new. More of us should get behind the re-construction of this first-ever full-monocoque house-car vehicle. And---don't neglect to maintain YOUR OWN Ultra Motor Coach for good performance and appearance. Like the Lemur, it is a "rare breed" and deserves every consideration.

GREETINGS: Now and then someone you haven't seen for awhile will greet you with, "You are looking good today." Wouldn't it be BETTER if they'd twist their words around a bit, saying, "You are good looking today."? That could BOTH sooth your ego, PLUS motivate your well-being that day.

ECONOMIC REPORT: The Dow Averages could go to 6000 in 1996. But there is danger that it might drop at any moment. Based on the number of inquiries, many families must be invested in the Stock and Bond markets.

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Postscripts --- continued

For those who own Stock shares, as long-time investors know well, it is considered wise to enter a Stop-Loss (sell) order with your Broker. Place it ten points or so below the current price. This strategy can help prevent heavy loss in case of a sudden market downturn. I'm not as "up" on such matters these days...Most members are aware of my retirement long ago from writing "Economic Newsletter" which was published every month for twelve years. But-the higher the market goes, the bigger the bubble and the greater the POP when it bursts.

DOCTOR'S PROGNOSIS: His MD tells my brother Larry, he is an S.O.B. Are there any S.O.B.s in your family? My brother agrees with his doctor. Yes, he smoked too much all his adult life. He admits it. Lately he is increasingly Short Of Breath----and smoking did it. A word to the wise.

TRAVEL PRECAUTIONS: A question was received from a newer member-family asking if Edna and I had ever "thought twice" before staying over-night at a Roadside Reststop in our motorhome. Well, yes, maybe we did. It was our policy to always check with other campers: travel trailer or motorhome occupants WHO PULLED IN LATE IN A DAY, to inquire if THEY were planning to stay overnight. It seemed better to not stay at a Freeway Rest area unless at least one other similar vehicle would be near. OK? In well-lit Shopping Malls, Church, and Hospital parking lots (where signs do not restrict evernight powering) are after a signs do not restrict evernight powering) signs do not restrict overnight parking) we often stayed alone. Not once in travel to every state of the country, were we ever disturbed. Our preferred Malls had at least one of the stores, a Super Market, or perhaps a Restaurant, that remained open all night. One other precaution that may be of interest: I installed a Police-Type Siren (Radio Shack) on the roof of each motor coach, with control switch inside. We never had to use it, but a Siren helps one's peace of mind.

"It is RIGHT that while I live, my tongue should declare the GRATITUDE which I feel." -- Dante

HUFF AND PUFF: After speaking with a pro last week, it seems proper to mention ideas on a subject close to near-everyone's heart. Most of us would like to live a viable life. Years ago --- we spun ideas on "preventative maintenance" for our coaches to increase their life, safety, and dependability. Over longer periods, capable authors have done a remarkable job of writing-up servicing of Ultra Van vehicles, covering about every aspect of maintenance and even conducting seminars with hands-on training. What giants these men are to the total membership! Now, let's spend two minutes on about the same subject for ourselves. Perhaps this discussion can be in obedience to objectives that the club help the general well-being of its members. Our hearts are a critical factor in how well we are and even---how long we live. It is the "pump" that pushes nutrients to every muscle, bone, brain cell and hair. Doctors tell us to eat properly and do some aerobic exercise daily. An MD on our street jogged too drastically, knocked out the cartilage in his hips and now limps. Walking is fine but to jog is too severe, especially for some of us antique individuals. Be careful... "aerobic" means - get your heart beating faster than normal. Mow the lawn, walk the dog, trim that hedge. Get daily EXERCISE, and consume less rich foods and sweets. Writing a letter, milking a cow, or fiddling with your computer mouse, is not getting proper exercise. Here is a good idea: When traveling with your motorhome, or at home with your car, avoid deciding to park close to a Super Market, or the Restaurant you'll have dinner at. Instead, seek a more remote area to park. WALK BRISKLY to the facility--get exercise.

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Happy traveling to all,

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Technical Whale Tales

NOTE: See Tech Tip Disclaimer on back page!

TECH TIP 96-01 Subject: Be Prepared -- Carry along Impedementia - Author: Louis Griggs #334

This list consists of two parts: A list - Most Important; B list - Very valuable in case of trouble. Please note that ost garages or service stations know nothing about the Ultra Van, and don't want to learn, either.

A-list

- -Spare wheel, with tire mounted, inflated and balanced.
- -Lub wrench that fits your lug nuts.
- -Adequate jack that will go low enough to go under the front A-frame when a front tire is flat.
- -At least two blocks or wedges to keep coach from moving when jacking.
- -Spare fuses that fit your coach's needs.
- -Ryerson Manual.
- -Set 3/8" drive sockets inch size, not metric.
- -One or more spare fan belts. Set combination wrenches 1/4" thru 1&1/4". (Open end/Box end)
- -Several screw drivers in assorted sizes; also one #2 Phillips screw driver.
- -Universal joints-at least one. I use TRW #20049.
- -8 oz. ball peen hammer.
- -Fuzees or Warning Triangles.

B-List

- -Spare front hub with good bearings (preferrably new), well greased with proper grease. A hub from any GM car built in the sixties or seventies will probably fit. Enclose this item in a sturdy plastic bag to keep out dirt.
- -Spare rear spindle and hub assembly, with good bearing and drive yoke, properly fitted up and lubed. Enclose this item in a sturdy plastic bag, also.
- -One or two spare lug bolts. (These can be pressed out of a discarded hub.)
- -One or two spare lug nuts.
- -Spare stop light bulb.
- -Small soldering iron or gun.
- -Small quantity of rosin core solder.
- -Wash and Dri or baby wipes.
- -Piece of old carpet to lay on.
- -Paper towels or rags.
- -Corsa Membership list.
- -UVMCC Directory. I carry a 100 watt inverter--This can run my electric shaver, and will also operate the solder gun.

TECH TIP 96-02 Subject: Preparations for a long trip. - Author: Louis Griggs #334

Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared". Here's one "How to";

Before leaving Cumberland for Silver City, NM, I spent several days removing both drive shafts, and all of the wheels; working on one at a time. I made sure that all of these units were properly lubricated with a good moly-lithium grease. The trip involved 6006 miles; we had no wheel bearing or universal joint problems. This coach now has 331,000 miles on it.

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Technical Whale Tales continued:

TECH TIP 96-03 Subject: Improved V-8 Water pump Author: Norm Helmkey #547

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Edelbrock has introduced a new aluminum water pump #8811 for small block Chevrolet engines like the 307. It is designed specifically for RV and off-road applications. Their advertising states you can expect a 10 to 15 degree drop in coolant temperature with even distribution to both sides of the engine.

Contact:

Edelbrock Equipment Co. 2700 California Street Torrance, CA 90503 1-800-727-3336

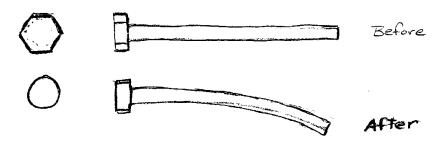
TECH TIP 96-04 Subject: Vacuum Tube Remover Tool - Author: Jean McMasters #330

Start with a 1/4" Hex Head Bolt 5 inches long. Grind Hex to a round just under 5/16 inch diameter. Now bend the bolt as shown in the second drawing.

To remove the Vacuum tube, use a very small hammer to tap in plug first, then continue to tap out the tube.

By changing the tubes, a head can be used on either side of the engine.

New Vacuum Tubes can be made for 5/16" brake line.



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Application for Membership

UltraVan Motor Coach Club, Inc. a non-profit organization The Officers and Board Cordially Invite you to enjoy the benefits of Membership! Enclosed is our \$15.00 check to cover dues for the Ultra year. (Nov. 1 - Oct. 31) Name(s): Phone: Address: _____ City: ____ State: __ Zip: ____ Alternate Address: Summer Winter ___ (Check One) Address: City: State: Zip: Membership: New ___ Renewal __ (Check One) Make of Coach: Ultra __ Tiara __ Travelon __Coach #(s) _____ Associate ___ Make: ___ Make check payable to: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc. Louis Griggs, Treasurer, Mail it to: 626 Bookfield Avenue Cumberland, Md. 21502. Order Form for "Home to Hutchinson" National Rally Coach No: _____ Name ____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____

Tear Off and Send to: by: July 31, 1996 Marge Fitzgerald 1079 Bayshore Drive Englewood, FL 34223

Make check payable to:

Marjorie Fitzgerald/UVMCC

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