

# Ultra Van Motor Coach Club

Summer 1998

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Technical tips are to be sent to the Technical Coordinator. Amendments to the Bylaws are to be sent to the President. Deadline for Newsletter inputs are: **February 15th, May 15th, July 1st, and November 15th.**

## Upcoming Rallies

May 17th - 31st 1998, Ultra Van 101 Restoration Rally #8, Desert Rendezvous Ranch, Joshua Tree, CA \*\* See flyer \*\*

June 8st -11th, 1998, Eastern Summer Rally, at Laurel Hill State Park, Somerset, PA, \*\* See flyer \*\*

July 15th - 22nd, 1998, Western Summer Rally, Evy Shepherd's Home, Portland, Oregon, \*\* See flyer \*\*

Sept 23 - 29th, 1998, UVMCC National Rally, Indian City, Oklahoma, \*\* See flyer \*\*

## From the President's Desk- Don Richards

By now both the eastern and western members of Ultra have had their first rally of 1998 and are looking forward to a summer get together. This year promises to be a busy one for members with several exciting opportunities for rallies for the western part of the country and one in the east as well. And the CORSA convention in the central part of the country as well right smack in the center of the summer! We have a parking area all to ourselves at this convention which should give us an opportunity for socializing as well as showing off our babies, (as Jean McMaster would say), to the owners of lesser corvairs coming by. Mick and I hope to be present. See you at this or that one, but probably not all of them.

**Some Rally Comments:** The 1998 Ultra Van Rally will be held near Indian City, a mile or so south of Anadarko, OK, which is about 30 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. From the east: take I-40 to 240 bypass to 44 to Chickasaw then west on 9 and 62. From the west: take I-40 or drop down to state route 152 at Sayre (just across the Red River bridge). 152 is a GEM; uncrowded, straight, smooth, and scenic. Then go south on 281 to Anadarko. Anadarko is the native American capital of the US, replete with museums, tribal complexes, and visitors centers. It also has two casinos (one north of town and another south), antique shops, malls, park, restaurants, and is close to the attractions of Oklahoma City. A full week of craft and tech sessions, side trips, coach hopping, and eating is anticipated. Wash your Ultra and come join the fun! Oh yes, Friday and Saturday is a pumpkin festival and classic car show downtown. Gordon and Ruth Harvey who have arranged all this for us also say that the camping fee is \$6.00 per day! Bring your puzzles, magazines, games, crafts, tools and surplus parts. Let's have a rally!

## Florida Spring Rally By Bonnie Granger

The Eastern Spring Rally took place at the Big Oak RV Park in Brooksville, Florida, March 16-19 with Gordon and Ruth Harvey as hosts. Monday, the 16th was devoted to getting settled in with the help of wagonmaster Clyde Stanton and visiting. This was a casual, relaxed rally without a tight schedule to follow - just sitting around and enjoying each other's company.

Tuesday night we gathered for a delicious pot luck dinner with Mick Richards and her sister Suz serving strawberry shortcake dessert for everyone. A lively Yankee Swap followed.

Each day began with our usual coffee and goodies. At 9 a.m. names were drawn for surprising and unique prizes supplied by Ruth, after which the men retired to their tech sessions. Since our craft instructor Rose Schuler was unable to attend, Bonnie and Mick, with materials at hand (napkins and newspaper) demonstrated how to make mint/nut cups, as well as dutch hats and sailboats.

Thursday evening everyone was treated to dinner out and the tab was paid with our registration fees. Dick and I had to leave early as he became quite ill and therefore some happenings may have been omitted, but overall it was a great get-together.

## Eastern Summer Rally - Big Oaks By - Don Richards

Report on the Ultra Van eastern rally held at Big Oaks campground near Brooksville, Florida on March 16-19th, 1998. Gordon and Ruth Harvey, hosts.

The rally was held on open ground to the rear of the Big Oaks park and the group had the use of a recreation room near the front. Camp toilets, showers and a pool were available. Camping sites had water and electricity.

Wagonmaster Clyde Stanton reported that 10 Ultra coaches, 2 Brand X's and 1 car were at the rally. Those attending were: Gordon & Ruth Harvey, Charles & Helen Smith, Jean McMasters, Pat & Margie Fitzgeralds, Walter & Marilyn Davison, Clyde & Kay Stanton, Len & Olive Hunter, Norris Houk, Morris & Tennie Randall, Norman & Marion Helmkey, Jerry Dute & Hollys, Mickey & Don Richards, Ruth Anderson, Dick & Bonnie Granger, and Doug & Nancy Pratt.

Monday was spent in coach hopping, arrivals, and registration. Tuesday had craft sessions and tech sessions. Tuesday the ladies prepared a sumptuous potluck evening meal which was followed by a Yankee swap. Wednesday had more crafts and tech sessions with a night out for many coaches. Thursday had more sessions, a business meeting in the afternoon and a restaurant meal together in the evening. Friday was good byes although several coaches were gone by then. Walt Davison chaired the tech sessions.

The weather was fair for the first part of the rally ending in thunderstorms and rain for the end. Doug Pratt awarded a chain saw to Dick Granger for "creative use of an Ultra Van. The tool consisted of a hacksaw frame with a chain attached in place of the blade. Mickey Richards had some paper beadwork for the ladies. The new owners of 211 drove in (in a land rover!) on Thursday. They are using the coach in his motion picture business as an office and darkroom.

## Thoughts of our President

Somewhere on a pleasant side street, in a large 1920's bungalow of a house with a wide veranda (remember those ?) in hilly Knoxville, Tennessee, there sits an Ultra Van owner concentrated over his word processor, akin to the Email that floats in from Ultra owners throughout the nation. This central figure has at his finger tips the thoughts and concerns, the changes and deaths, the tech tips and the promises of rally times from all the members of the club. With the wizardry of the computer's instant net work of messages flowing silently, instantly to all--I sometimes wonder if when I open the mail if there won't be a message just signed "God". Be that as it may, Jim Howell will be a good substitute, until the holy writ comes through.

My first association with the club shortly after buying 379 was reading the beautiful hand printed newsletters of Ed Martin. And then others, with Louis and Maybell Griggs holding the position so long. And now our Jim Howell. As one who, over the years, has published several newsletters for different organizations, I appreciate the dedication that such a position demands. Deadlines always are chasing you, copy is sometimes sparse and at other times too much and there is typing, editing or questioning, composing, checking and rechecking, arranging. Then the mundane chores of printing, folding, addressing, mailing, zip coding, the trip to the post office and a brief respite until you go through it all again.

The newsletter is the glue that holds an organization together. Without one and organization will not last long. The editor holds the bottle of glue.

The Ultra Van club is over 30 years old and going to 35. A remarkable achievement for any club, particularly one spread so thin. Our newsletter keeps us in touch and current. It exists to serve, but it needs the service of club members as well. It needs the support of all of us - with tech tips, club commentary, current changes and concerns. From Jim Craig's wisdom to Walt Davison's wit a nation apart. It is not just for reading, it is for communication - yours to me, mine to you and all of us to Jim. When we are not sitting around a picnic table at a rally or a circle of chairs at a camp out, it is our voice. Direct yours to Jim and keep the newsletter vital to all!

Minutes of Eastern Spring Rally Business Meeting Big Oaks campground, Brooksville, FL, March 17, 1998, By: Bonnie Granger

The business meeting was called to order by President Don Richards at 1:30 pm.

Ruth Harvey reported a \$135.00 in registration fees received with no report on expenses. The dinner charges for Thursday will be paid with the balance of the registration money.

Circle of Care Concern was expressed for Walt Davison who had gone to a local hospital as he apparently had a foreign object in his eye causing a great deal of pain. Pete Schuler is home ill with the Flu. Art Eller is recovering from a gall bladder operation. Dave Peterson has suffered a broken neck; no further report on his condition. Walt Payne was remembered.

A warm welcome was extended to guests, Suz Anderson, (Mick Richard's sister) and Holly.

Norm Helmkey reviewed the proposed changes to the club directory as submitted by committee members Jim Craig, Norm and Marion Grootenhaar. These recommendations are printed on page 17 of the Winter '97 UVMCC newsletter.

The '98 Eastern summer rally at Laurel Hill state park in Somerset, Pa. was discussed. The last newsletter had a change of date to June 8-11th and the hosts will be James & Mary Foust along with Louis and Maybell Griggs.

The '98 CORSA international rally, scheduled for July 28-August 1st in St. Louis was discussed with nothing resolved on renting a hotel room for purposes of showering, etc., CORSA would like the Ultra's to park together in a specified area for more exposure. Parking fee is \$50.00 per coach for the week.

Gordon Harvey reported on the park for the National rally. It will be at Indian City, Oklahoma on September 23-29, 1998. It is normally closed at that time, but will be open specifically for our use at \$6.00/night. The manager can handle a catered dinner - serving whatever and however we choose. He can also arrange to have a representative from the surrounding Indian tribe encampment to relate their history and customs. T-shirts may be available, possibly with an Ultra Van protruding from an Indian teepee and the wording, "I'd sooner be in Oklahoma".

The Davisons returned, stating a part of a leaf had been removed from Walt's inner eye lid and he was feeling much better.

Bonnie Granger moved, seconded by Mic Richards, and carried, that eastern regional members must pre-register \$10.00 to the hosts prior to the rallies.

Jean McMasters reported that he checked Lake Wales Lion camp for next year's spring rally. The cost will be \$16.50/night, no sewer hookups, no pool privileges and no kitchen. There is a room for socializing and a screened area with a stove. Pat Fitzgerald said he is checking the Laurel RV park facility. The possibility of using the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) RV park in the area was discussed. There is no meeting room, but water and electricity, with a dump station are available. We could join that group and it would cost \$10 per night as opposed to \$15.00 for guests of members.

Norm said our newsletter could be less bulky for mailing (\$.55 ea). He suggested we might discuss at the National all future entries be a uniform size to reduce paper.

Wagonmaster Clyde Stanton report 10 Ultra coaches, 2 Brand-X's and 1 car at the rally.

Doug Pratt presented Dick Granger with a chain saw (a chain attached to a hack saw frame) for "creative use of an Ultra Van".

President Don advised that we need an Eastern Director nominee at the National. Jean McMasters and Ruth Harvey volunteered.

Pat Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Nancy Pratt that surplus funds generated at an Eastern rally be forwarded to the next rally hosts.

Pat amended that motion to read "all eastern funds, plus those generated at an Eastern rally be forwarded to the next rally host and that each host forward a financial statement to the President and treasurer following the rally. Motion seconded and carried with one dissenting vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report: January - March 1998

January 1st Opening Balance:		\$ 3,856.08
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Dues:	\$1,280.00	
Tech Tip Purchase:	9.00	
Total receipts:	<u>\$1,289.00</u>	\$1,289.00
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
Club Merchandise:	\$120.00	
Newsletter:	300.00	
Late Dues Postcards & Postage:	36.07	
Regular Postage:	1.54	
Returned dues overpayment:	20.00	
Total Expenses:	<u>-500.41</u>	-500.41
March 31st Closing Balance:		<u>\$ 4,644.67</u>

NOTE: We currently have \$3,500.00 of the above \$4,644.67 in a 4.5% 3 month CD.

**1998 Eastern Summer Rally**

**Laurel Hill State Park**

**Somerset, PA**

June 8th - 11th, 1998

**Hosts**

Louis & Mabel Griggs #334, (301) 722-2991

James & Mary Foust #398, (814) 352-7435

Make you plans and join us for a wonderful time in southern Pennsylvania. When you check-in mention the Ultra Van club. Too late, but there should be plenty of space available. For more information either Call Maybel or contact the Park at:

Laurel Hill State Park  
RR #4, Box 130  
Somerset, PA 15501-8501  
(814) 445-7725

Note: We were told that pets are not allowed in the Park - PA state law.

# Summer Fun

## In The Northwest

OREGON SUMMER RALLY

DATE - JULY 15 to 22nd, 1998

THIS RALLY WILL BE HELD AT EVY SHEPHERD'S HOME IN PORTLAND, OREGON. THE ADDRESS IS: 7260 SE TENINO STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON. EVY AND GLADYS BELL AND EDY RYERSON WILL BE OUR RALLY HOSTS.

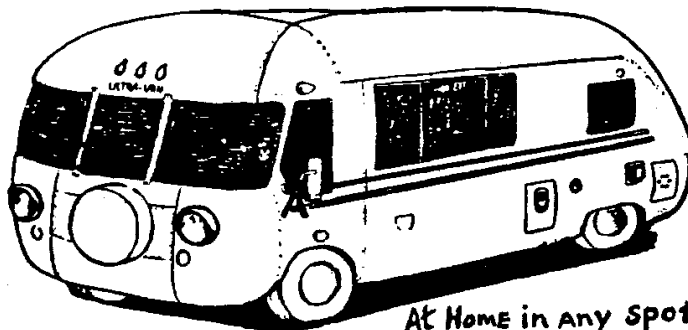
THERE WILL BE THE USUAL TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND CRAFTS ALONG WITH GAMES AND FUN FOR ALL.

THE FIRST ACTIVITY WILL BE A BBQ ON THE EVENING OF THE 15TH.

THEN FROM THERE IT WILL BE POTLUCKS AND EVENINGS OUT.

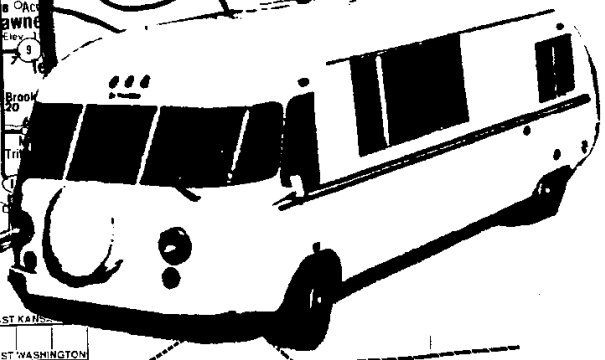
BE SURE TO COME WITH AN EMPTY HOLDING TANK AND A FULL WATER TANK. WE WILL BE PARKED IN THE OPEN FIELD ACROSS FROM HER HOME SO THERE WILL BE THE USUAL RALLY FEE AND A NOMINAL FEE TO DEFRAY THE RALLY EXPENSES.

THE EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE RALLY IS: 503-775-4469



At Home in any spot  
- ANYWHERE

# MAP OF ANADARKO AREA



THE 1998 NATIONAL  
 ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH  
 CLUB RALLY SEPT 23 - 29  
 ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

# OKLAHOMA

- Legend**
- ① Delaware Tribal Complex
  - ② Riverside Indian School
  - ③ Philomathic Pioneer Museum
  - ④ Caddo County Courthouse
  - ⑤ Federal Building/U.S. Post Office
  - ⑥ Kandlett Park
  - ⑦ Caddo County Fairgrounds
  - ⑧ Southern Plains Indian Museum and Oklahoma Indian Arts & Crafts Co-op
  - ⑨ Visitors Center and National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians
  - ⑩ Anadarko Chamber of Commerce
  - ⑪ Dietrich Memorial Golf & Country Club
  - ⑫ Indian City U.S.A.
- Note: Highway is the dividing line between north and south streets, while First Street divides east and west streets.

## A View Thru. The Windshield - Jim Craig, VP May 3rd, 1998

The Rain-x that I had installed on the Big Windows yesterday was repelling the rain very well as Marlene & I headed #285 , north out of Joshua Tree to attend the Ultra Western Rally at Bob & Diane Gallis in Atascadero, California, which is located approx. 18 miles inland from the coast & Hearst Castle.

The weather report earlier in the morning had indicated wind & rain all the way to the coast, 350 miles away. It was evident by the conditions that existed at that moment, that we were in for a nasty day on the road. Seventy miles later we broke out of the storm and it was clear skies with only a few clouds laying on the Tehachapi mountains, as we looked west through the Big Windows.

A few miles west of Mojave, #58 highway starts the long climb up and over the Tehachapi mountains. The terrain started to take on a very green hue with all the green grass sprouting up after all of the unusaly El Nino rains. All of the mountains, hills& valleys were beautiful with all this greenery. The California oak trees stood like sentinels silhouetted in their shadows on the sloping hillsides. This scene remained the same all the way to Atascadero. It was beautiful.

Thousands of acres of grape vineyards had sprouted their first new greenery as we viewed them while crossing the flat farm lands of the San Joaquin valley in the Bakersfield area. Soon we were pulling into the driveway of the Gallis. One other Ultra was already parked in the yard, it was the Bells from Canada, with Evy Shepherd as passenger. ( It was shameful that other California Ultra members, who lived close to this rally did not show up and the Bells drove all the way down(2600 miles rd. trip) just for this event).

ONLY 6 Ultras were at the rally. Yes, it was small but we had a fantastic time. The Galli's treated us like Royalty. Their home was open to us and Bob has a great place to work on Corvairs and has all the tools and equipment to do it with. He even gave some lessons on the computer. Thanks a bunch, you guys.

In my last report I mentioned that the western group did not have a Chairman for the 1999 Ultra National. (Actually I referred to it as the 1998 National in he last newsletter. My mistake, sorry.) I am happy to report that Bob & Diane Gallis will chair that event. Thanks to both of you. Plans for the 1999 National were discussed and jobs assigned. It will be held in Ruidoso, New Mexico at the same site as the last National held there in 1989. The dates of the event will be scheduled so that those that desire to attend the Balloon Festival , in Albuquerque will be able to do so. We had 49 Ultras attending that event in 1989. That number may never be reached again, but lets all start planning for a Grand time there. This is one you will not want to miss. You can even arrive in your car, we dont care , just get there.

Technical Tips: Norm Helmkey did a beautiful job in typing up the 1966 through 1980 tips. Now we need some one to type the remainder , 1981 through 1997. Then we can get those printed into a booklet and make them available to the membership. So much good information is in the back issues of that period which is not available to our newer members. Are you interested in this job , if so contact myself or the President. (No, not Bill, Don.)

Highway Ultra Cruising Speeds: In the last newsletter the Postscripts author stated, We do not recommend driving any motor home over fifty five miles per hour. That maybe all right on secondary two lane roads, but do you realize how dangerous that is on the 70-75mph freeways? Just think about all of those 18 wheelers running at maximum or probably over that speed and approaching from your rear. One moment you check your rear mirrors and it seems it is only another moment and there he is, on your rear bumper. Now , if driving at night , it is doubly dangerous. Hmm? Who was it that said, Ultras were not meant to be driven at night? Fabulous ,Fred perhaps? Something to think about before you depart on that next trip. Yes, the Corvair Ultra will run faster than 55mph, just try it.

Flash! #200 Ultra Van Rear Ended In Arizona; Yes, it is true. It was totaled by a late model pickup truck traveling 70 mph. The new owner, along with five other persons, in the Ultra was headed to the east coast. They were east of Tucson, climbing a hill , in low gear(like we all do) at 35mph and whamo it was all over. No one got seriously hurt. Which was very lucky. So, you see, it does happen. Dont let your Ultra and you be a highway STATISTIC!

TRAVEL AWARE! Make sure your emergency flashers work and use them anytime you are traveling slower than the traffic flowing in your direction.

E-mail: If you would like to have your E-mail address listed here in the newsletter, send it to the Editor, Jim Howell at uv216@aol.com Check elsewhere in this newsletter for an updated list of members that have E-mail.

Upcoming Ultra Rallies: There is one in your area soon! Check the schedules and prepare to attend. We need your participation. Bring your traveling buddies also.

Special Note: We had a really special treat at the recent Western Rally. What was it? Gene & Milton Reyburn surprised us with a visit to the Gallis home. Their two sons brought them over one morning while we was having our coffee time. Milt & Gene are 92 & 90 respectively. They looked really great and were feeling fine. They stayed for about 45 minutes in which time we all had a chance to visit with them. They sold their home and are living in a senior retirement place, which they really love. They said to say, Hello to all their Ultra Friends. In case you would like to send them a greeting, send your letters to; Astascadero Christian Home

C/O, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Reyburn  
8455 Santa Rosa Rd.  
Astascadero, CA. 93422  
Tele. 805 466 2300

That's it for now, keep the windshield clean and watch that rear view mirror!

#### Remembering Warren Suckow - Jan. 31, 1919 -- April 17, 1998

He had a ready smile and a familiar greeting such as, "How's Jim this morning?" Yes, we all lost a very good Christian friend with the passing of Warren. I speak for all in saying that we all shall miss him like a brother. He passed very quietly at home with the family and church friends present.

Warren was born in Klemme, Iowa. Served in the U.S. Navy as a plane captain on the PBV flying boats while he was stationed in Cuba. They flew over the oceans in that area looking for German submarines. He often took over the controls and was allowed to fly several of the legs of the assigned route. He married Nobia McLemore, May 25, 1946. They had two sons, Dan who resides in Washington state and Randy who lives in Phoenix. He has five grand children, Mysti, Carmen, Autumn, Evan and Talia.

He was a long standing member of the Valley Cathedral Church in Phoenix where Randy is Assistant Pastor. We will remember many times Warren was asked by the Ultra members at our rallies to bring the Sunday message at our church services in which he spoke from the Bible and told it as he understood it. It was always a blessing to hear his message and to learn something also.

Living and working in Louisiana with his father in the oil business gave him the opportunity to see and learn the ways of the local people.

He could relate many stories and speak like one of the Cajuns. One of his favorites was about the Cajuns that went into the local hardware store, and asked for one of those machines that searches out people. He wanted an electric oscillating fan. Of course to enjoy that, you had to hear Warren talk like the Cajun.

Warren was also a machinist by trade and had worked in some large shops doing heavy work. He was one that could take a thrown away piece of scrap metal and make something useful out of it. His mechanical ability was right up there with the best. In that respect he and Len Ryerson were two of a kind. He and Len worked out many of the problems of solar panels and air conditioning that he used on his home and Ultra Van.

As Jane Harrison has said, Warren has earned his Promotion to Heaven. I'm sure he would agree with that. Our sincere condolences go to the family, grandchildren and especially to Carmen and Autumn who were so close to him. We shall not forget this gentle man.

Nobia has decided to sell their Ultra Van, but will remain a member of the club.

All our LOVE, Jim & Marlene Craig and all your Ultra friends.



ULTRA POSTSCRIPTS \*\*\*\*\*

Earnest Newhouse, Director

Dear Ultra Friends: May 1998

Thank you for all your letters, cards, and calls. Some of you suggested subjects to discuss, which were especially appreciated. A couple of interesting mailings arrived from Christy Barden #603. He sent dramatic photographs, mailed from exotic NEPAL and later from TIBET. He is traveling in the far east, on the other side of the world. The Postage Stamps look like collector's items. Christy was hiking and later traveling with four others across the High Plains of Tibet, through 15,000 foot Himalayan Mountain passes in a snow storm. Not much oxygen at that altitude. All Club Member communications are appreciated whether written or spoken. Please do continue.

"A good EXERCISE FOR THE HEART is to bend down and help another up."

**SPRING IS HERE:** It is time for many Ultra "Snowbirds" to return home. High snow banks are now melted. penguins that may have (?) visited WARMER climes, have already shuffled back to Alaska. ULTRA Motorhome-Club folks across America are beginning to think about Spring and Summer rallies. Now is the time to spruce up your coach. Have fun!

**YOUR ASKED FOR IT:** Received a couple of requests to discuss the economy. Here are quotes from two experts who study it: Those who own any Industrial Mutual Funds, "Sell everything!"-- Dr. Gary North. From Howard Ruff we get, "Technically, at this writing, the Bull Market is still intact. Who knows how far it will go before Investors have a sudden rush of brains to the head and figure out that the bigger the balloon, the thinner the skin, and the bigger the pop." Some say we should build up a nest egg, invest in "real things" we will be needing regardless, and pay down debt. The Dow averages are jumping all over again, like in 1928. Savings Accounts can be devalued overnight, but most tangibles (things) are apt to appreciate, become dear. DIVERSIFY --- and maintain you Ultra Coach. NO ONE KNOWS, but some Gurus expect a shakeup sooner or later.

**WARREN SUCKOW:** The Club benefitted much from his wisdom. Past President Warren Suckow #331 passed away quietly at home. Services were held on Friday, April 24th in Phoenix. He was a very good friend to us since that day, long ago, when Nobia and he first met Edna and me at Hadleys. During earlier years we exchanged many confidences that remained so until death. At Ultra Rally nondenominational Sunday Services, his prayers and his excellent Sermons often stirred member attendees. Warren was a LEADER among all the greats of the Ultra Corporation, also helping to host many rallies. In 1980 he was elected as our 13th President. Those who knew this modest, but super capable man mourn his passing at age 79. Our condolences are extended to Nobia, their two sons, and the entire family.

"When we MEASURE a person, we should put the tape around his heart and NOT his head."

**NEVER BRAG:** For most of us, MEMORIES of past fun times are relaxing and wonderful! Many Members will never forget the great fellowships enjoyed in Motorhome travel all over America. Friendships blossomed and then cemented at the hundreds of ULTRA gatherings the past thirty plus years. When composing Postscripts (information that might be useful is included, some humor, activities of Members or the little we contributed, etc.) it just occurred to me that someone might think that, sometimes, we are over-promoting - Ultra Club. NOT so ... and for sure---our EGO is zero. Please indulge me for a moment --- Many Club members are so talented that I consider myself smaller than most of you. Everybody, it seems, has some PRIDE in what he or she has accomplished. Persons without any pride, it is said, HATE themselves. They are the ones who commit suicide. My memories are vivid --- what YOU FOLKS have accomplished the past 3 decades, is FACT, not any fiction. Since we usually type without notes, it might come out or "sound" like boasting or bragging about someone's abilities, but there is no intended spin at all ... only the truth. Since the serious 1997 accident, I often feel as low as a bug. For sure. I'm no longer completely human - ha, ha - I'm part plastic, and stainless steel, and cement, plus who

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knows what else they sewed in there. Pardon the humor. Things written are mostly about the Ultra vehicle, the Organization, and the people involved. Information given is as accurate as possible. No exaggeration. No "blow" at all. There has never been any need (or desire) to over-impress anyone. The roomy, easy-to-drive, all aluminum Ultra Van does that. It speaks for itself. We are, perhaps, being redundant to even write about it. Most Members are true Motorhome and travel enthusiasts. When a Coach is sold, let's be SURE to ask each new owner to join the Club, to REBUILD it stronger. It's s---a great National"fellowship" Association. Thanks to YOU.

"It is always easier to leave cruel words unspoken, than to mend a heart those words any have broken.

**MAIL MAN (OFTEN IT'S A MAIL WOMEN):** Today's mail (letters) just arrived as this was being written. It included four-pages of beautifully Computer-typed friendly words Postmarked from Canada. Norm and Marion Helmkey own four (4) Ultra Vans. They are keeping real busy attending Motorhome and CORSA meetings all over America. Norm recently put 210 pages of Ultra Tech-Tips, representing over 400 helpful motor coach aids, on the Internet. Thanks Norm! I just had to mention the extra long communication and say how much it was appreciated. Also, in today's mail was a card from Christy. He is now in China, soon home.

**RECYCLED MOTOR OIL:** Changing car or Coach engine crankcase oil every 3,000 miles is considered a wise investment. Oil is much cheaper than METAL. A great debate goes on about reclaimed oil (recycled used oil that is factory remanufactured to like new specifications). some users say that it is as GOOD as brand-new oil (refined from raw crude pumped out of the earth). What is your opinion? From an Engineering Report, surprisingly, both brand-new and recycled oils are equally effective. Either one should lubricate your engine perfectly, so long as the proper Grade and proper Viscosity is selected. But --- there are MANY reasons for using Recycled Oil. Oil NEVER wears out. Only one gallon of used oil makes 2.5 quarts of high quality motor oil (it takes 42 gallons of raw crude to do the same) .... to be continued.

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Earnest: I want to thank you for sending these pictures of you, Edy and your 603 (Now Christy's) for all us 'new' members to admire.



## Ultra Memories

### **Services on the Ohio Turnpike for RV's**

Four Service Plazas have **FREE OVERNIGHT PARKING** for 8 to 20 RV's/Trailers with drinking water and waste disposal facilities. They are:

**Indian Meadow** between Interchanges 2 & 3 Westbound.

**Middle Ridge / Vermilion Valley** between Interchanges 7A & 7B East & Westbound.

**Brady's Leap** between Interchanges 13A & 14 Eastbound.

Two Areas:

**Wyandot / Blue Heron** between Interchanges 5 & 5A East and Westbound have individual electric facilities in addition to drinking water and waste disposal facilities. A \$2.00 fee is charged for these sites.

For more information you can call **OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION** at 1-888-876-7342.

### **Newsletter Thoughts - Jim Howell**

After having edited, composed, printed and mailed the UVMCC newsletter for the last 11 issues, I think I am finally getting a feel for this newsletter and its readers. Also, realizing that not everything in an issue will please everyone, I welcome comments and suggestions. Now to the meat of these comments. I currently do 4 newsletters per year. They average about 18 pages each. We normally have printed 200 newsletters and they usually cost about \$1.50 each to edit, print and mail. I propose the following:

1. Bimonthly newsletter
2. 10 pages max.
3. Ads edited to fit unless space available.
4. Same yearly cost per member.
5. Better Rally flyers.

The main advantages of 6 newsletters per year is more timely information and cheaper postage costs. We will be printing about the same number of pages, but with ever increasing quality.

The year was around 1980, I was employed as a park ranger at Montgomery Bell State Park in Tennessee. At the time I was also the proud owner of a '64 Monza convertible. I was in the campground of the park on this day registering campers when I saw the most unusual motorhome that I have ever seen. I was at a campsite registering a camper when I first saw the the said motorhome coast into the campground from a distance. The elongated egg of a motorhome slowed as it enter the campground and then proceeded up a small incline a short distance from where I was standing. As it labored slowly up the incline, being the owner of a corvaire, I immediately recognized the distinctive sound of an air-cooled flat six corvaire engine, recognizing both the exhaust sound and the sound of the cooling fan. I was thinking to myself, "my ears must be deceiving me, this can't be." As the motorhome in question settled into a campsite, I approached the campers outside their rolling egg & asked. "This may be a crazy question, but is that a corvaire engine in that thing?" The campers immediately beamed with pride, because they knew that I must be a corvaire owner in order to recognize the sound of their engine. Needless to say, I got the grand tour of the motorhome and a complete history of the Ultra Van. I was impressed. I do wish I could recall the name of the owners, but that information has escaped me over time. I still have vivid memories of the first time I ever saw an Ultra Van.

**Murray Crow**, Park Manager, Henry Horton State Park, 4358 Nashville, Hwy, Chapel Hill, TN 37034

P.S. As you can see I still work for state parks and still look for Ultra Vans and I have seen a few in the years since my first encounter.

### **IN MEMORY**

Long time member Gilbert Coen passed away on April 2nd, 1998. This information comes from member Janet Bell, who is a niece of Melva Coen. Melva is still in a nursing home. Many from the East will miss Gil.

## Ultra Van Owners that have email - (May 15, 1998)

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Irwin, Jack	✓ sowears@aol.com	213
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1963 Ultra Van #200, 110 hp, w/auto, 3.89 gears, 24ft., second Ultra built, ready to travel. \$4500. obo.

**SOLD**

1967 Ultra Van #295, V/6 engine, 3.8 ltr., 3spd.auto. Excellent thruout, ready to travel. Was asking \$6295. All offers considered. Serious to sell.

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**SOLD**

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