

Whales On Wheels

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Your UltraVan on the Cover of WOW

Would you like to see a picture of your UltraVan on the cover of Whales on Wheels? Then send a photo with a short...or long...story. The photo should have some artistic value...or not..showing the UltraVan in a scenic location. Send your photos and story to the Editor and have your UltraVan be a star. Your 15 minutes of fame are now available right here in WOW!!

Prez Sez

I cannot believe another year is about gone. Diane and I have had a great time traveling in the UltraVan this year. First was the winter rally at Howard and Marsha's in Arizona in February, then to the Corsa National in Lexington, Kentucky, then home again via the Summer rally in Oregon. Stayed home for a month, then back to Iowa to the Ultra National. We are now readying to leave for a week taking in a couple days at Laughlin, Nevada, a couple days at Jim Craig's Ultra gathering at "Slab City", then to "The Toss" at Palm Springs for the weekend. This, however, will be a Greenbrier excursion, the UltraVan will stay home. I need to take this opportunity to remind you that dues are due January 1, check your mailing label for your expiration year. We all should thank Jim Isbell for his great newsletter, but more articles to him would be a great help.

I am copying from CORSA a little encouragement about joining CORSA, I realize it's impossible to expect everyone to become a member of CORSA, but the benefits are great, and as a 100% member club we wouldn't have to pay the \$20 filing fee, and you would receive a great magazine monthly in your mailbox. Not to mention being a member of a great organization. I Quote "The Board is making it easier for you to add CORSA members to your roster. You can now offer your members \$10 off their first year's CORSA membership dues (\$15 off if they sign up for 26 months!)." Normal dues are \$35 for 1 year and \$70 for 26 months, with the discount CORSA is offering that would be \$25 for a year, and \$55 for 2 years plus 2 extra months free for taking the 2 year rate. I hope you will all take into consideration joining this great club.

I will have Jim add a CORSA application to this newsletter . Thanks for "listening to me" on this item.

Diane and I wish you all Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings, and the best to all for the new year.

Bob

IN MEMOREY
OF
John Hoffman

He was one big TEDDY BEAR. Always ready with a joke, after he lit his pipe that is, shuffled his feet around and tell you, I've got a good one for you. It WAS usually a GOOD one.

John "Bear" Hoffman passed away on Nov. 3rd. He and Claire previously owned Ultra Van #468. They put lots of miles on it and enjoyed many Ultra Rallies. Even after the Ultra was sold they still continued to attend the rallies. Many of you played cards with him and enjoyed his soft humor.

After his first love, Claire, was his special built Model "T" Ford that he had modified and built to his specifications. He enjoyed taking the "T" out for weekly spins and getting "thumbs up" for his efforts.

We will all miss John and wish Claire our heartfelt sympathy for her loss. There will be a memorial service for him Nov. 20th, 9AM, St. Louis Catholic Church, 3310 So. Sherman, Englewood, CO.

Cards, only at this time for Claire. 3760 S. Huron, Englewood, CO. 80110

God Speed John.
Your Ultra friends.

IN MEMOREY
OF
Raymond Massey

Raymond Massey of Holbrook, NE. was killed in an unfortunate accident on August 5th, 2004.

Raymond was a dedicated Corvair enthusiast, although not a first. He was a mechanic for the Morman Chevrolet Agency in his town of Holbrook. His wife Marguerite says that he was not impressed with them, but as we all know the Corvair bug bit him hard. He repaired many of the Corvairs within several hundred miles of his little farm town. People even donated him their cars when another of their family passed on, so in the end Raymond had sixty Corvairs on his repair shop's property.

He also, had a very nice Corvair powered Ultra Van that was his favorite vehicle.

Hundreds of friends attended his Memorial service from all over southern Nebraska. It was the largest turnout for a memorial service the town had ever experienced.

He was a CORSA member off & on and was currently a member of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club. He will be very much missed by family and his many friends.

My memory of him and Marguerite will continue daily as I complete the restoration on Marguerite's 1960 Chevrolet Impala that I purchased from them two years ago.

So long good friend.
Jim & Marlene Craig

A Fuel Tank Modification

By Scott Pilkington

While changing out my fuel tank, I re-routed the inlet plumbing to allow for a clean floor plan. I haul several aluminum trolleys full of merchandise when I go to shows, and floor space is a premium inside 350. I always thought it was big waste of that last 6 inches or so on the drivers where the fuel inlet popped out of the floor (this is hidden by the bookshelf /table unit for those that still have this installed). So I started thinking about how to route the inlet up through the curved wall, without infringing on my “floor space”.

And I thought since I was changing everything else, I might as well change the inlet cap unit, since the only fuel cap that I know of that interchanges with the Ultra one is a 60 Corvair. I know a 60 cap works, because I happened to donate one to the gas station gods one hot summer day down in Texas, and fortunately had a 60 sitting here at the house to rob one of off when I got home. Several attempts at junkyards on the road home had left me without a match. Given the raritive source if lost , I thought I would go with something more common. And since I have fleet of Volvo wagons, (up to four 740/940s), the most common thing for me would be a Volvo cap. And..... since the Volvo filler system is all aluminum, what more could an Ultra owner ask for? A trip to my local junkyard and I had all the necessary parts. The Volvo filler neck is aluminum tubing about 2 and 3/8s, and the Chevy/ Ultra standard is 2” but strangely enough that black angled hose in the middle is cast rubber Volvo part that goes from the filler neck tube of 2 3/8s to the inlet tube of 2”s so it was a perfect connection (I was imagining that I would have to expand some of my 2” pipe at a muffler shop to make the connection). The aluminum Volvo vent tube also connected up perfectly to the Ultra vents.

The total system is not 100% in the wall, it does have about a 3/4” overhang of the floor, but that is far better than the 6” I had before. I could have keep it all in the wall if I had wanted to move the Ultra fuel door capsule, but that was more trouble than I wanted to go for the benefit gained.



#350s Modified Fuel Tank Inlet

Folks, Don't get concerned about the wires in the picture getting crushed under the floor board. The wires actually run over on top of the plywood, under the carpet pad and are taped down flat so that they can't be felt under the carpet pad. Every wire in 350 is new, and all the driving critical ones, easily accessible. I had the entire floor out and all the tanks out when I did this the tank inlet mod, The wires have been in place under the carpet ffor 10 years maybe?

Scott

Another UltraVan for sale or Trade

I have a V8 ultra that needs a total restoration, has disk brakes front and rear, power brakes, many new parts, straight body, very good start, but needs a total finish, Will trade for a Corvair Ultra, in like or better condition.

trailerman_66@yahoo.com

It's Coming!

Bass Lake Bash



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More Information!

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Or Lew at 209-823-6293

New Flat Windshield From Walt "lite" Davis

Editors note: The below note is all I have so far from Walt about his new windshield, but he has promised me much more as soon as it is finished. Scott Pilkington was kind enough to post some pictures to the UV list of the job, and it looks great. I have posted 2 of them here.

Jim,

Well the project is done as far as we can go till its paint time. I haven't taken the kind of pics I want used..the main thing is the main windshield is now 76X22..with two small side ones on each side. As I may have mentioned earlier..I'm delighted..so far..but this is not an average owners wekend project. There is over 60 hrs plus of a skilled fabricators (not me) time on the job with still a few more to go at paint time. Sorry bout this. Next issue for sure a killer article/pics...promise. All Best Walt



Jim Craigs pictures from "The Slabs"



If you looked in a hole and saw this.....it might drive you to religion



The preacher at the camp meeting.....would speak to his congregation



After service, dinner on the prairie.....and a beautiful sunset

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Group Ultra Van Meeting
CORSА 2004 National Convention
Hyatt Hotel - Lexington, KY
June 18, 2004
Minutes submitted by Roy Davis, Secretary

Members attending included: Christy Barden, Howard & Marsha Boso, Jim & Roy Davis, Walt Davison, Bob & Diane Galli, John Howell, Jack Irwin, Paul Piche & Barbara Greason, Doug & Nancy Pratt, John Seaman, Ron Scott, Greg Walthour, Ken & Penny Wildman.

Prospective members attending included: Hugh & Peg Fowler and Randy Spors.

President Bob Galli opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Diane Galli gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Opening balance, June 1, 2003	\$ 789.75
Receipts	687.18
Total	1476.93
Disbursements -	
Newsletter printing & postage	347.43
CORSА Chapter report	20.00
Total	367.43
Balance, April 1, 2004	\$1109.50

Walt Davison moved and Jim Davis seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read; it was.

There was no old business.

Under new business, suggestions were made with discussion following regarding future rallies; no motions forthcoming.

Bob Galli reported that GUV currently has over 100 paid members. He feels that much interest is due to the excellence of our newsletter and that most people are very interested in receiving the superb newsletters of both GUV and UVMCC.

Diane Galli and Roy Davis presented Walt Davison with a T-shirt commemorating his and #366 drag racing prowess; their best time was a very respectable 19.57 seconds!

Bob Galli announced the appointment of two new Directors: Howard Boso, Western and Jim Davis, Eastern.

Bob Galli then gave information regarding copper-plating of differential shafts; some discussion ensued.

Diane Galli moved and Walt Davison seconded that the meeting be adjourned; that was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

UltraVans for sale or trade

I'm offering ultravan #400 for sale at the price of \$3500.00. Due to health issues, i will not be able to see my plans for ultravan #400 happen. Anyone interested can email me for more information. 1968 corvair ultravan #400 110 hp with 2 spd powerglide transaxle. Many new parts & upgrades. Has a new 2 way fridg & new carpet. All the systems work. Runs & drives & is currently licensed. For more information email me at

ultraman400@hotmail.com Aaron



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Ultra Van for sale. #524. 1969 with a 1978 305 Chev. V8, 3 speed auto, dual master cyl., electric radiator fan, some new wiring. Runs and is drivable. Needs carpet, upholstery, some paneling, paint and TLC. Located in Eastern Washington.

Dick Roberts, 509 996 2334, email roberts@methownet.com



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Group UltraVan



The "16-16-16"
Paint job

#257 Owned By

**Jim & Martha
Isbell**

Of

Ingleside, TX

The "16-16-16" Paint Job was named after its method, 16 rattle cans of Silver paint, a \$16 sander, and 16 hours of work. Doesn't look bad for the money.

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