



Geoff Hacker's New Coach #377 among the Palmettos
 He has his work cut out for him. but all power to him for rescuing this coach
 after two hurricanes were unable to wipe it out. Yes, that branch IS resting
 on the windshield. More pictures inside!

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UltraVan For Sale:

For Sale UV 482 for sale, good body but needs a paint job. Glass, tires are good, has AC unit, awning, 3 burner/oven stove ,ice box, carpet & seat covers are new, dual batts, asking \$4K or best offer, licensed in Eastern OKLA.

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This unit is for sale. It is in very good running condition. It has new air conditioner, rug, mattresses like the astronauts use, refrigerator with big freezer two doors. MANY OTHER ITEMS that I can't tell you about as I'm no mechanic. Asking \$15,000.00 or best offer. Ruth Harvey ,7685 64th st. Pinellas Park, Florida tel. (727)541-3433



**I have coach UV #311 for sale here in No. CA.
Larry Forman Cell phone: 916-216-9801
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Located No. CA, near Half Moon Bay, CA.**

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Late For Sale Item:

#366 a Corvair powered P/G coach is for sale. This is a very unique non standard coach. Without a doubt the lightest which translates into the best performing unit there is. Included in the price is a thirty year collection of spares,,,no rusty junk. Details of coach and spares is too complex to list. If you want a get in and go coach, last year I went 27,000 trouble free miles, instead of a project give me a call.

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For a dual wiper kit that is applicable to the Ultra vans.

They are available from
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Forsyth,Ga 31029-1486

You can order a catalog on line. They have 2 styles available # WWKXLWD-2 a standard 2 speed at \$290.00 and # wwkxlwd-2l 2 speed intermittent at \$325.00. they also provide a free video installation.

Letter from the Editor

I have come to the realization that when I retired seven years ago, it didn't take. I am going to have to do it over again and see if it will work the second time around.

I have been lying awake at night worrying about what I am not getting done that I want to get done, like cleaning the garage, fixing two motor homes, fixing 6 cars, house repairs, repairing two boats, going places and seeing things, and the list goes on. And it all comes back to the fact that I have no time. I am working 4 days a week in volunteer projects.

Seven years ago I was working five days a week and getting paid very well for doing it. I had a pretty secretary a big desk with a view out over the campus of the University of Texas and lots of people envied my job. If I had wanted to continue working just four days a week the University would have been happy to let me do it that way and I would still have gotten the same paycheck.

Now, I am a Captain on the fire department, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning commission, Editor of Whales on Wheels, worker in a thrift shop, and what ever someone needs done. And I don't get paid for any of it. But the worst part is that I don't get any of MY projects done!! Yes, that is selfish, but when you are 70 its time to begin being selfish.

I have two Jaguars that are disabled because of need of a 24 hour repair, two motor homes that are disabled because they need 2 or 3 hours of work on them, several home projects that NEED being done badly, and, last week I went fishing for the first time since I "retired".

Returning from that fishing trip my blood pressure was back down to normal for the first time in a year. I have survived Cancer and my health is generally great but it needs help, LESS WORK and MORE PLAY.

In the past 5 years I have brought Whales on Wheels from a sometimes published, hand done, labor intensive publication of Group Ultra Van to a regularly published, computer based, 5-6 hour labor publication of the combined clubs, GUV and UVMCC. It has been fun but I am now going to have some fun of my own.

On June 1st I am leaving on a four month cruise, in my new boat, up the river systems of our country, from Corpus Christi to Chicago and back again. I will be gone on July 1st when WOW is next scheduled to publish, but that will be done from my boat via the Internet. Its that easy.

However, I am retiring from being editor of the Whales on Wheels, the Fire Department, and the Planing and Zoning Commission. After the October 1st issue I will no longer be able to be the editor of Whales on Wheels. It is now someone else's turn.

For anyone interested, it is one full day of work, once every 3 months to get WOW out. Not much if you have the time and a computer. I will gladly lead you through the first issue. After that it will be a cinch for you.

The Prez Sez

Shelley and I departed rainy, cold Manteca on 4 February to spend a few days in bright, sunny Southern California and Arizona en route to Apache Junction, AZ and the Western Winter Rally at the Boso's. We soon found that Southern CA and Western AZ were just as cold and rainy as home. What a disappointment!

The Rally, however, was anything but a disappointment. It was characterized by good friends, good food and a lot of FUN. The good friends included Forrest Gist and his son, Rusty, Diane and Bob Galli, Betty and Dan Reinhardt, Jim McMasters, Chuck Hoppe, Shelley and myself, and, of course Marsha and Howard Boso.

The good food included a BBQ dinner furnished by our hosts and omelets made from one Ostrich egg furnished by Forrest. Marsha has an excellent hand with omelets and pancakes! Most of the other meals were eaten out—no potlucks.

The fun came in the form of a night at the Arizona Opry, Videos in the evening, everyday shopping trips (the ladies sure did enjoy these), Flea Markets and serious discussions about everything. We have solved all the world problems.

Overall, it was one of the best rally's we have attended. Thank you Marsha and Howard for a great Rally.

As we were heading home, we received a call from Martha and Ron Zoutendam. They were in Oregon in their motor home and were heading into California. They wanted to know if we would be home in time to see them. Of course we would. Martha and Ron arrived the day after we got home. We had a wonderful visit with quick trip to Yosemite where it was snowing and Ron and I enjoyed putting chains on the car while Shelley and Martha stayed warm in the car. We also spent a day in San Francisco. We had a short but super visit.

My last subject is the Corvair/UVMCC Rally in Sacramento, CA from 3 to 6 May. For years I have been hearing that the future of the Ultra Van Club is with current Corvair owners. This Rally will definitely bring Corvair and Ultra Van owners together. Details of this Rally were published in the January WOW.

The Rally is being held at the old McClellan AFB in NE Sacramento. From I-80 or Business 80 take Watt Ave north, turn left at "A" Street and go two blocks to Bldg. 1447 (the old NCO Club). Ultras' will be parked in the lot in front of the Bldg. We already have 7 Ultras signed up, but there is room for lots more.

Lew Young

The 2007 Eastern Spring Rally by Norm HelmKay

The 2007 Eastern Spring Rally was held at Hillsborough River State Park just south of Zephyrhills, Florida on Highway 301. It is a beautiful park with lots of activity. There is a daily Park Ranger guided tour, canoe rentals & tours, a tram ride through one of Florida's oldest State Parks, bicycle tours and a tour of Ft. Foster Historic site, and finally a leisurely 45 minute nature walk with a Park Ranger as a guide.

Our Hosts, Brenda & Norm Standal (UV480) were on-site when most of us arrived. Some had to wait at the entrance until 1:00 p.m. because they did not reserve or register before they arrived.

Monday, March 19th with coffee at 8:30 a.m. Registration was the only rally related activity. Our hosts sponsored the evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Park Rangers visited us every day to make sure we were enjoying our stay. One of our Ultra drivers was observed going against the traffic flow on a one-way loop, but the Ranger overlooked the offense owing to the age of the offender.

There was lots of catching-up on old friends and Ultra-talk. The biggest surprise was to see Ruth Harvey (89 years young) and her Tiara. Ruth says "I am not going to stay put in the Florida heat this summer." It was good to see Marge Fitzgerald once more.

Tuesday, March 20th began with coffee and was a free day. Ultra Vanners sat and chatted all day and made ready for the Ultra-famous Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. The last event of the day was Door Prizes which were surprises to everyone. There were a few visitors who took notes and pictures. One of the Park Rangers was very interested in the Ultra Van and he spent many hours with Jim Davis and Norm Standal.

Wednesday, March 21st began with a Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with Clyde cooking the flapjacks to order. The men gathered for a Tech Session at 10:00 a.m. conducted by Jim Davis and Walt Davison. The Tech Session lasted well into lunch time when it was realized the Coach Visitation was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Various visitors were seen with cameras and note pads.

Thursday, March 22nd after coffee, the Eastern Ultra Business Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. Doug Pratt chaired the meeting which had spirited discussion that lasted well into the morning, when it was time to depart for the luncheon at Lupton's that was booked for 11:30 a.m.

Lupton's BBQ and Buffet has to be seen to be believed. How do you choose between Bacon, Eggs, Link & Patty Sausages, Home Fries, Sausage Gravy, Grits, Pancakes, French Toast, Steak Nuggets, Biscuits, Muffins, Assorted Danishes, Hot Maple Syrup, BBQ Beef, Pork, Ribs, Chicken, Fried Chicken, Baked Bean, Potato Salad, Cold Slaw, Collard Greens, Potato Puffs, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Salisbury Steak, Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Dumplings, Fried Alaskan Poliack, Fruit Bar, Cobbler Bar, Dessert Bar, and finally Ice Cream any way you want it, soft or hard frozen. Love that butter-pecan

When we struggled back to the campground from Lupton's, the only thing you wanted to do was sleep for the rest of the afternoon. About 4:00 p.m. we were awakened for a RV Scavenger Hunt.

We were divided into 4 teams and given a list of items that you will find in every RV.

Such as:

a piece of bamboo,	a kite,	a ball,	a nail,
a size 10 shoe,	a coaster,	a red shirt,	a can of pork & beans,
a piece of chalk,	two candles,	a flag,	a Philips screwdriver
a pair of lace panties,	3 cat hairs,	a bell,	a level
a picture of a president	coffee grounds		and a yo-yo

Innovation was the rule, but none was better than Marylou Kramer's yo-yo made of Ritz Crackers and string.

Ultra related in attendance were:

Norm & Brenda Standal (480)

Jim & Roy Davis (338)

Jerry Dute (467)

Clyde & Kay Stanton (392)

Nancy & Doug Pratt (373)

Ruth Harvey (2019)

Norm & Marion Helmkey (408)

Jean McMasters (330)

Walt Davison (366)

Jerry & Marylou Kramer (424)

Marge Fitzgerald (448C)

Others:

Cliff & Sandy Swick and Cliff's mother.



This is the Last Breakfast of 2007 Eastern Ultra Van Rally in Zephyrhills, FL



The Ultra Answer of this rally was: Someone looking at the Ultra asked Marion Helmkey "What year is it?" Marion replied, "It is 2007, of course."

Two Recipes from the rally

Asian Salad

1 envelope of Good Seasons Italian dressing mix and add:

½ c. sugar

2 T. soy sauce

Put in container with lid. It can be stored in the refrigerator and shook before adding it to the rest of the salad.

2 pkgs. Ramen noodles (broken up)

½ c. sunflower seeds

½ c. sliced almonds

Put these items in a small plastic bag.

2 pkgs. Of shredded cabbage (w/carrots, etc.)

4 green onions sliced (optional)

Mix ingredients and put all of them together at the last minute. (I usually carry all of the above items in a large salad bowl with a lid and mix up at the meal.)

Chef not specified

Ultra Van Chili

1 T. olive oil

3 cups chopped onion

2 pounds lean ground beef

Steam until meat is no longer pink. Remove cover and cook 'til liquid is nearly gone.

Add:

2 cans (28 oz.) diced tomatoes

1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste

3 T. chili powder

1 T. salt

1 tsp. sugar

2 tsp. ground cumin

¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

3 cans kidney beans (15 oz.) (drain most of the liquid)

Combine all ingredients and simmer an hour or longer.

By Mary Lou Kramer



The pictures tell the story of the rescue of #377 from the palmetto swamps of Florida after two hurricanes could not make her give up. Geoff Hacker, the new owner and a new member of UVMCC is the third from left in the next to last picture. A man of more courage than I.

2007 National Ultravan Rally/Meet

September 4th through 8th, 2007 in Ruidoso, New Mexico

Contact Hosts: Howard & Marsha Bosos

1536 West Roundup Street

Apache Junction, Arizona 85220

Phone (480)288-2636

Reservation #

G21196 Cost: \$26.00 per day

Place: Circle B RV Park

P.O. Box 1800

Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346

Phone (505) 378-4990

For those of you who have been there before, the pavilion has been closed in and made into a large building that contains a great kitchen and serving facility. In one end there is room with exercise equipment. This will be a great place for our banquet.

A second building that we had used before has also been remodeled. The upstairs has been converted to a beautiful apartment with 2 bedrooms, kitchen & living room. This apartment can be rented during the Rally. Could be ideal for 2 couples if they wanted to share. It is really nice.

The downstairs has been remodeled into a wonderful game, meeting and relaxing room. It is beautifully decorated and has an adjoining room with laundry facilities. Also, the restroom and shower room has been newly remodeled and tiled. It is all very bright and clean.

There are also some small cabins available for rent if you don't have an RV. For any rentals request details.

36 Tee shirts will be ordered, but there will be limited numbers of each size. Please pre-order to insure that you will receive the sizes and quantities that you would like.

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Where: Lions Gate Hotel & Conference Center
McClellan Park, Sacramento, CA
Hosted by Ultra Van and Classic Corvairs of River City Clubs

When: May 3-6, 2007

Cost: Registration fee: \$15.00 per family; \$10.00 individual.
Free camping. Free electric hook-ups. No water or sewage hook-ups.
Swap meet spaces \$15.00.
Welcome party \$10.00 per person.
Banquet \$35.00 per person with advance reservations.
T-shirts \$15.00.
Free transportation to Old Town Sacramento, Railroad Museum;
Towe Auto Museum.
Rooms \$91.00 per night includes breakfast.

Schedule of events: Thursday, May 3: arrive, set up, dinner furnished by Hosts, Yankee Swap.
Friday, May 4: attend swap meet, trips to Old Town, Railroad Museum, Towe Museum, raffles, Welcome Party 7-9.
Saturday, May 5: same as Friday except for Peoples Choice Car Show and Banquet.
Sunday, May 6: pack up and drive home safely.

Points of Contact: Determine what you want to participate in and mail the list with a check (make check payable to CCRC) to Leo Scopesi, 2980 Allan Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691. Be sure to state size of T-shirt(s) when ordering. Reservations should be received by April 4, 2007. Call or e-mail Lew Young with your arrival date. 1-209-823-6293/lew111@verizon.net
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