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#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.

Leo Boatright –918-452-2547.

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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



#291, is located in the San Diego area. It has a 110 engine with about 58,000 original miles on it. There are many extra parts included. There are other extra's, such as a TV and a microwave. I am asking \$5,500.00 for the entirety, FOB San Diego.

Frank Y. Hinkle 3918 Nereis Drive La Mesa, CA 91941 PH: 1-619-460-1920

#338 is for sale: Onan 2800 watt generator with less than 400 hours, 13,500 BTU A/C with heat strip, Manual rack and pinion steering (TRW re-manufactured Mustang II rack). One of only three units known to have this important safety modification. Imron paint. Stainless steel freshwater tank and replaced aluminum black and grey water tanks. For more info go to:

<http://users.adelphia.net/~kwildman/Ultra/1968UltraVan.htm>



#604 V/8 Olds 350 ci engine, TH350 Turbo automatic trans, 85,000 orig. miles engine with 50,000 miles Air bag suspension, four wheel disc brakes, four new tires, solar panel, TV, w/antenna, full dash instruments, folding couch, sleeps 5-6 persons, 2500kw generator, 13,500 roof air, all tinted glass. I think this is the only 600 series unit that is on the road at this time. Delivery available. Price; \$16,940. Jim Craig, 760 285 1212



#408 is for sale. This coach is very heavily modified with MANY improvements I would drive it anywhere in Canada or the USA and will deliver it for the cost of the gas (Subject to an upfront \$500 non-refundable deposit). The drive train is very reliable but after 100,000 miles uses about a quart of oil every 500 miles. Contact Norm Helmkey corvairfan@copper.net



A Very Special UltraVan is for sale:

Walts "Ultralite Ultravan" #366 is up for sale. Walter Davidson has spared no expense to lighten his Ultra to the minimum weight possible. This Ultra will win any fuel consumption contest and has won a drag race between UltraVans. I believe he might even be able to win a drag with a stock Corvair...???...maybe. 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. "E" mail www.walt366lite@hotmail.com cell @ 256-404-3175. *Miami hard line is 305-444-1937*

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Western Spring Rally Report

For us , Bob and me, it all started with a very nice 2 day visit with Howard and Marsha at our place in Atascadero.

We all left on Thursday AM, just not at the same time and met up in Lodi, CA at the Flying J truck stop where we continued on together to the meeting place, taking wrong turns, but getting there.

Then Bob and I found the hotel, about 2 blocks away, and returned with an empty car, only to find out that Hotel Security was saying we couldn't stay there, even though we had been told that's where we were to camp out. They found us an unused parking lot around the corner, that actually was a better place, as it was lots quieter, and we couldn't have had our contained camp fire , had we remained where we were originally.

Forrest Gist had a spot of trouble on the trip down, his coach is in Weed , CA at the local tow yard awaiting his arrival today, with a "new" brake drum , shoes, backing plate and hub assembly, Bob brought for his coach. Fortunately he was traveling with Doug and Meg Bell, so was able to continue on here, and get a hotel room for the duration.

Forrest got 2 "new" wheels and then went and got 2 new tires, mounted and balanced for the trip back... Bob gave a quick tech session on the assembly of the brakes, related small parts and springs, yesterday.

In attendance, were/are, our genial hosts , Lew and Shelly Young, Jim and Marlene Craig, and Robert
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my final letter as your President. As such I would like to leave you with a few of my observations and thoughts. Too many new members are coming to one Rally and we never see them again. They subsequently drop their membership. I believe that people maintain their membership and attend Rallies primarily to see each other and continue their friendships. The Ultra Van is secondary and in some cases not a consideration at all. If this statement is true then to retain new members we have to befriend them, get their respect and get them involved in club tasks early in their membership. Maybe we should think about assigning a sponsor (established member) to each new member. The sponsor would help the new member assimilate into the club and facilitate his/her becoming a productive member.

We need to share the load in running the club. In most cases we have the same people putting on rally's and running for club offices over and over again. If every member did his/her fair share it would be a lot easier for everyone. You may even end up with some personal growth.

I have fielded phone calls and e-mails that were negative about the way things were done by various club officers. Please keep in mind that all your officers are volunteers. If you do not like the way they run things you need to volunteer for that position and then you can run it the way you like.

The club is currently in good shape both membership wise and financially. In the long run (5 to 10 years out) we need to be thinking of ways to increase our membership base, as an example we may want to encourage Corvair and Volkswagen folks who camp to join by changing our name to the Air Cooled Camping Club.

I have enjoyed the last 4 years as your President and I'm looking forward to future years with the club.

Thanks for your support,

Lew

2007 National UltraVan Rally/Meet

September 4 through 8, 2007 in Ruidoso, New Mexico

Contact Hosts: **Howard & Marsha Boso**

1536 West Roundup Street

Apache Junction, Arizona 85220

Phone (480) 288-2636

Cell Phone (480) 518-4103

Place: **Circle B RV Park**

P.O. Box 1800

Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346

Phone (505) 378-4990

Please make your reservation #G21196

Cost: \$26.00 per day

Banquet details: **Provided by Village Buttery**

Cost: \$20.00 per person

If you plan to attend the banquet, please RSVP and choose your entrées.

Entrées: Baron Of Beef Au Jus or Chicken breast w/Hollandaise Sauce

Vegetables: whole green beans & Shoe peg corn

Dessert: Peach Cobbler

For those of you who have been there before, the pavillion 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.

UVMCCV National Rally Tentative Schedule but may be subject to change:

Sept. 4th 9:00 AM ..Arrivals, parking & coach hoping

9:00 AM Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary Arts & Crafts

Admission only \$1.00 Info. Sue Garrett 378-8099

Lunch

12:00 PM American Futurity Worlds Quarter Horse Race (505-378-4431)

5:30 PM ...Welcome Barbecue

Sept. 5th 9:00 AM. Coffee, goodies, door prizes & announcements

10:00 AM ..Tech Session & Ladies Activities

11:00 AM Silent Auction begins

Lunch

Free Time ...Shopping

3:00PM ...Directors Meeting

5:30PM ...Pot Luck

Sept. 6th 9:00 AM. Coffee, goodies, door prizes & announcements

10:00 AM ..Tech Session & Ladies Activities

Lunch

Free Time ...Shopping

Mountain Annies Dinner Theater

Sept. 7th 9:00 AM. Coffee, goodies, door prizes & announcements

10:00 AM ..Tech Session & Ladies Activities

Lunch

Free Time ..Shopping & sightseeing

Dinner Out or on your own

Sept. 8th 9:00 AM. Coffee, goodies, door prizes & announcements

10:00 AM ..East & Business Meeting

10:30 AM...Annual National Business Meeting

11:30 Silent Auction Ends

Lunch

5:30..Closing Banquet

Corsa Convention rally

Please read this article if you are interested in camping for the convention. There is a limit of 30 group camping sites. Call (248) 542-5372 or e-mail Paul Piché at <<mailto:ehciplaup@provide.net>>ehciplaup@provide.net as soon as possible! The first day for camping is Monday, July 23rd starting at 12:00 noon.

Location: Addison Oaks Campground, Leonard, Michigan. This is 27.5 miles from Sterling Inn.

Driving time is approximately 40-50 minutes.

Drive is partial freeway and is easy to get to.

This is the only park in the area. It is a 794-acre county park.

Group Camping: 30 units. Area is slightly rolling and very few trees. There is a covered 20'x30' pavilion, horseshoe pits, and one campfire ring. It's a short walk to the restrooms and showers. Cleanliness rating is 8.5 out of 10. Showers are \$0.25 per 3 minutes.

Campsites: Every site has electric and a picnic table. Water is available in the group area. The dump station is close by.

Roads: Main roads are paved, but group camping is on a gravel road with chloride for dust. Good shape.

Recreation: There is a small lake in the park for swimming and boating, and there are hiking trails.

Cost: Campsite and one car costs \$32.00 per day. This is payable to DACC by June 1st. If you have a second car it's an additional \$5.00 per day permit.

Arrival and Departure Time: Arrivals after 12:00 noon on the day of arrival. Departure by 3:00 p.m.

Refund policy: Cancellation is required by letter to Paul Piché, 3714 Cummings, Berkley, Michigan 48072, or by e-mail to

<<mailto:ehciplaup@provide.net>>ehciplaup@provide.net

After July 1, your refund will be calculated as follows: DACC cost against income.

If there is a positive balance, that will be divided by the number of cancellations to determine the amount of refund. That amount will be forwarded to you by mail. There will be no on-site refunds.

If you want to camp by yourself you can call Addison Oaks direct and make your own reservations. The phone # is 248-693-2432. Price is the same.

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The Resurrection of #269

by owners Gary & Jodi Gatts

I bought a 1965 Corvair Greenbrier last year and was bit by the Corvair bug. While doing research on Corvairs I came across the Ultra Van web site. It was love at first sight. My wife and I like to travel by vehicle (no planes for us, you miss too much that way) and have been talking about buying a motor home, but we wanted something different, not too big and good on gas (as far as motor homes go). After doing more research on them we agreed that a Ultra Van would be ideal. I started to search for one, but they were all to far away (we live in Southwestern PA, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh). One day I was just playing around on Ebay and was looking at pictures of a old Dodge delivery van listed. In the background of one of the pictures was the front of a Ultra Van. I contacted the seller and asked if it was for sale. It was and it was only three and a half hours away from me. We drove down to take a look at it and decided to buy it.

It has not been on the road for at least a couple years. I am having it hauled to the Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, Pa and Jeff, the owner is going to go over the drive train for me. When that is done I plan on bringing it home and starting on the body and interior. I figure will cost a few thousand dollars and 3 to 6 months before I have it on the road. However, I know it will be worth it when it is done.



Here is the T-shirt design for the Rally in September, I have 36 on order, if you want one let me know I have ordered 2 small, 6 medium, 14 large and 14 XL. The cost to you is \$15 per shirt.

Bob and I will be going to the CORSA convention in Michigan, and will have the laptop with us for email's, no money now, pay when you get to the rally.

Call me at home, 805-466-2737 till July 1st and 805-459-4384 after JULY 1st for your order.
Diane and Bob Galli

Natural tshirts - Black, Green, Purple & White inks



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Craig (son) drove over from San Rafael to join us, Howard and Marsha Boso, Eric Kervin, Doug and Meg Bell, Forrest Gist, and of course Bob and Diane Galli your reporter .

This rally was in conjunction with a Show and Shine Car Show and Swap Meet hosted by the, Classic Corvairs of River City, here in Sacramento. It was well attended, and some very nice cars were in the show to be voted on.

The first night we had a chicken and all the trimmings dinner hosted by our genial hosts, the Young's, It was very good, Shelly and Lew did an outstanding job on the dinner. Tongue firmly in cheek, as did the Colonel Sanders folks. Yes, we all went to the local KFC for dinner. Piled 12 people in 2 cars, Meg sat on Doug's lap in my 5 passenger car. It was a tad congested in the back seat. It was also a cold, rainy, and windy evening, so no lingering after we got back to camp. Everyone repaired to their respective motor homes or hotel rooms in our case and Forrest's, and hunkered down for the night. That was Wednesday night.

Thursday after an over night rain, was a nice bright but cold day, but we did manage to sit outside, and have a great time. We women did what we do best, went shopping, some needed a Yankee Swap gift,

so we used that as a perfect excuse to find the local WalMart. It is a 2 story WalMart, different, some groceries, but not like a super WalMart. As if we needed an excuse to shop.

Friday was registration for the Show and Shine Car Show, and the Welcome Party hosted by Classic Corvairs, where we got to touch base with lots of CORSA friends we hadn't seen since the last one of these car shows, or the last CORSA convention, for Bob and me.

Saturday AM, we had the Yankee swap and had a great time as usual , lots of interesting gifts and nice gifts, Marsha's 2 lanterns were well fought over and ended up in Bob and Howard's hands.

As some of us didn't want to go to the banquet last night, we ate out again, that was just Howard and Marsha and Bob and me as Jim, and Marlene, and Eric had gone to the Railroad Museum and eaten a good lunch.

We came back and sat around a "virtual" camp fire and chatted, till time to head to bed after saying our good byes till we meet again.

Happy Trails to us all
Diane Galli

Western Spring Rally Pictures by Jim Craig

