

# Happy New Year!!!!



**Norm Standal acquired #500 as pictured above. He is currently working hard on its renovation. This is a one owner vehicle with most of the original parts. What it will look like when it is finished is anybody's guess. He did such a good job on #480, maybe he will have a set of twins. Good Luck with this project and we hope to see it on the road some day.**

## Whales On Wheels

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#### A Special Note from Your Editor.....

As we come into another year, the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club needs to remind those who have not sent in their dues for the year 2010 to please do this to continue membership in the Club. The dues are \$10 per year. This should be sent to our Treasurer, Lew Young. On the newsletters coming by mail, the label will show through what year you are paid OR if you receive the newsletter by e mail and are not sure if you are paid, please call myself, Bob Galli, or Lew Young to determine if you have paid. The newsletters are sent only to paid up members.

If there some of you out there who now have e mail and would like to receive your Whales on Wheels very fast ( It takes 2 seconds to e mail it to you), please let me know and I will take you off of my Snail Mail list. You can e mail me at the address below.

Brenda Standal  
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#### Wedding Announcement!

During the holidays Norman Standal and Brenda Leighton were married after a very long courtship. They are enjoying themselves and will shortly honeymoon in the Caribbean.





## PREZ SEZ:

Another year has passed, and an interesting year it has been. Thinking about the world events (of which we have been informed) for the past 12 months, makes my head spin. Natural disasters, terrorist threats, the economic downturn, political gerrymandering, N1H1, “ponzi” schemes, and the like, could keep us from sleeping at night. While Obama will soon present to the world “the state of the union”, I wonder who is going to present the “state of the world”.

I have all I can do to present the “state of the Club”! Our activities are a bit mundane, as compared with the rest of the world. Having experienced an enjoyable Santa Fe National rally, some of us have settled in for the winter, because in some parts of our continent, Ultra Vans are best mothballed. Of course in warmer “climes” and for the very adventurous, activity continues “year-round”.

Kudos to Ken Wildman for his work on our website. The site has now has been transferred to our (UVMCC’s) space on the CORSA site. Ken has been working feverishly to rejuvenate our site. Thanks also for the tech support of Jim Davis and to Scott Pilkington who has volunteered to coordinate the “coaches for sale” aspect of our website

Here is the web address for our new website: <http://www.corvair.org/chapters/ultravan/>

My assessment of the present situation of UVMCC is this:

Our membership is growing. Lew Young informs me that we have almost 150 members (ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE SLOW TO PAY THEIR 2010 DUES). We have gotten 13 new members in the past couple of months!

The social aspects of the club are two-fold. Rallies and other get-to-gethers continue but with decidedly less frequency. The pace of socialization in cyberspace, however, seems to pick up, especially on the Yahoo Groups chat line. Likewise, the pace of technical chatter seems to be quite brisk at the internet level.

The real problem is keeping the two aspects of our club (virtual and actual) blended together. For the “chatterers” to be oblivious to the faithful dues paying “attendees” is not right, nor the reverse. This publication (WOW) is doing its best to reach both.

I write this having just read the *interesting* editorial comments by Jackson Weaver (a Corsa director) in the Dec. 9 issue of the *Communique*. His fatalistic attitude and approach regarding CORSA is not helpful, in my opinion. Our problems (in UVMCC) are perhaps similar, but since our numbers are so much smaller (and therefore our distances much greater), we have less to mourn. Our main purpose is NOT to preserve the club, but to preserve the Ultra Van, and to have a lot of fun doing so.

Without abandoning our strictly “actual” membership, our transitioning to more internet based functioning is well on its way, and will serve us well. That having been said, I would urge all those so enabled to subscribe to the Yahoo Group and of course for all the UV owners and enthusiasts to be members of UVMCC.

To join Yahoo groups go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ultravan>  
In the upper right corner is a “button” to “join this group”

With that in mind, I will make a plea for membership to the Yahoo users by email with an attachment of these remarks

Happy New Year

Ron Zoutendam

## Ultra Vans For Sale

**#232 Ultra Van.** This unit has about 1200 miles on a rebuilt 110 engine. I have invested over \$12,000 for renovation and upgrading. I had just returned from a 1,200 trip with my Ultra before taking it in for some body work and paint job. At that time, it was in great running condition before the wiring was removed. There is a brand new refrigerator, Onan generator, exterior body parts, and (2 ) windshields that are stored with the Ultra Van in Las Vegas. It also has a rebuilt transmission. Included are heavy duty brakes, new front suspension, air conditioner and swamp cooler. The exterior body is in fairly good shape. The wiring, interior paneling and carpet have been removed in a renovation attempt. Would consider the buyer using some bartering, or doing the mechanical work that needs to be completed. **Darrell Woofter contact at 417-725-8088 or email me at [woofcorvair@aol.com](mailto:woofcorvair@aol.com) for questions. Please make offer.**



**#601 1970 Ultra Van.** This was Dave Peterson's personal coach. For more info on Dave and Ultra Vans go to <http://www2.onu.edu/~kwildman/ultraVan.html> or [www.pilkguns.com/fotouv.htm](http://www.pilkguns.com/fotouv.htm) There were only 5 of the 600 series built and three of these were completed to the point of being drivable. It weights about 4500 lbs. The drive line is an Oldsmobile 360 small block motor, turbo 350 transmission to a modified rear end. The differential has been offset all of the way to the drivers side so the motor is on the drivers side of the motor home. The weight of the motor and transmission are offset with the water and holding tanks. The suspension is air bags on all four corners – way ahead of its time. It needs a complete restoration mechanically, interior, and exterior. I have lots of spare parts including many of the body parts. Here is a partial list of spare parts. Sheering bell cranks, engines, transmission, extrusions, front clip of the body, aluminum panels, windows, stoves, refrigerator, suspension parts, and I am sure a lot of other stuff. I have more pictures if you are interested. It is located in Mariposa, CA. **Price \$4500.00 some trades considered. Contact Ed Gurr, cell 510-909-3435, home 209-742-7469.**



**#2019 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**



## Ultra Class Ads:

Please call Tony at 613-258-1088 or email me at:  
**This is it; the last windshields available, only a couple left,  
while they last.**  
[ultravanman248@yahoo.com](mailto:ultravanman248@yahoo.com)

Corvair Ultra Van Rescue/Repair Kit as prepared by veteran Ultravaner Pat Fitzgerald for Ultra Van #211. Approximately twenty (20) hard –to-find parts ranging from starter nose assembly to powerglide C-clip.

**Cost \$90.00. Half price. Buyer pays shipping.**

Complete heater assembly with cover removed (in working condition) from #211. **\$50 or best offer. Buyer pays shipping.**

Completely rebuilt and assembled rear wheel assembly. By Pat Fitzgerald. **\$90. Half price now.**

**Buyer pays shipping.**

Pair of matching 110 heads. Hand cleaned. **\$75 or best offer. Buyer pays shipping.**

All of the above by Bill Welle, Nokomis, Florida 941-488-6435 Email: [billpatjrs@copper.net](mailto:billpatjrs@copper.net)

**Corvair motor for sale built by Bob Galli.** It is a 110 and is complete and ready to install. Bob built this motor about five years ago and has never been used. Bob did run the motor in, but other than that it has zero mile on it. It has been stored in a heated and cooled garage the whole time. **Consider best offer. Contact me, Ed Gurr, at my cell 510-909-3435 or home 209-742-7469**

### For Sale:

Complete front and rear suspension (modified with additional air shocks) from #518. Also the Walters V drive, turbo 350 trans, fuel water and waste tanks. **Mike Babinetz e mail me at:**

**[babzway@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:babzway@tampabay.rr.com) 727-364-7897 Location is New Port Richey, Florida**

### FOR SALE:

Coleman forced air furnace for motor home, \$50

Ultra Van steering box and steering wheel, \$40

Ultra Van 2 lower A frames \$50

Ultra Van 2 upper A frames \$40

Ultra Van 2 beams cast for front upper suspension \$40 each

Ultra Van two spindles \$15 each, one is drilled for speedometer cable

Misc. brake drums and Misc. Corvair parts. Call for items. All parts are located in N. Palm Beach, Fla. 33408. Am able to bring to Eastern Spring Rally **Jean McMasters at 561-352-6158**

**WANTED: Hoping to buy or barter out a very good conditioned Corvair-110 engine. It must have less than 25,000 miles on it, or has been recently rebuilt. I plan to have it installed in my Ultra Van #358. Please contact me: Darrell: [woofcorvair@aol.com](mailto:woofcorvair@aol.com) or telephone: (417) 725-8088.**

Simpler, lighter and more reliable wiring system is now available for Ultra Vans. Intelligent Silicon Integrated System (ISIS) markets a complete programmable multiplex wiring. The heart of the system are solid state micro controllers and logic devices. The basic system consist of a master cell, power cells, and controller area network.

The system is envisioned with the master cell located in the dash area. A master cell contains wires to coordinate and control fifty inputs and fifty outputs plus two analog inputs. All master cell inputs and outputs are 22 gauge copper wires since they only carry sense currents of less than one milliampere. The controller area network (CAN) carries the signals from the master cells to the power cells. All signals are multiplexed on the CAN so only four small wires are needed to interconnect the cells. The CAN can be collocated with any other wiring with the exception of the ignition's secondary wires (spark plug wires). The master cell contains a LCD screen which can be used in trouble shooting to verify any operation. The system operates at 5.5 volts so a low battery power condition will not disable the system. Master cells can pulse over a thousand a second allowing pulse width modulation to motors (variable speed) and variable intensity lighting.

The power cell contains 10 fused outputs each rated for 25 amps. If a higher amperage is needed, an external relay can be added to the circuit using the power cell to control the relay. The input to the power cell is a meg- fused 8 gauge wire from the battery or other stable power source. Each power cell can handle a maximum of 125 amps continuously. Each power cell circuit is individually fused with a dual brightness fuse. If the fuse light is bright the circuit is in use, if it is off, the system is de-energized and if the fuse light is dim there is a break in the circuit (bad bulb, broken wire, cold soldered connection, etc.). There is a LED located on each power cell to verify the CAN is operation properly. All connections to the power cell are waterproof and explosion proof allowing it to be mounted anywhere.

Power cells should be located near their use point: center front of coach, and trunk/engine area (max temperature is 290 F). The fused output side harness of the power cell comes pre-terminated at one end with the industry standard Delphi Metri-Pack 280 sealed connectors. The heavy wiring (14 gauge) goes only from the power cell to each accessory. For example let's consider the tail/stop lights. Sense from the turn signal switch and/or the brake light switch goes to the master cell. The master cell transmits that information to the rear power cell over the CAN. The power cell operates the turn signal element as programmed (standard is 1/2 second on and 1/2 second off) for 20 seconds, then stops the sequence whether the turn signal switch is in the turn or off position. Should the turn signal switch be moved into the other turn direction, the previous sequence is stopped and the proper sequence is started. The sequence may be re-imitated by moving the turn signal switch to off and back to turn. If the brakes are applied before the start of the turn both brake lights will illuminate and when the turn signal switch is moved, the proper sequence for that turn will override the previous stop light instruction. Should the turn signal sequence be initiated before the brake signal, the brake light signal will not interrupt the turn signal. You can now get rid of the flashers, multiple wires heavy gauge wires to the switches, interconnected relays. The front power cell can power: the headlights (high/ low beam and daytime running lights), windshield wipers (multiple speed, independently controlled), turn signals, parking lights, clearance lights, identification lights, defroster fans (infinite speed control) and front interior lights. Did I mention remote control? How about approaching the coach at night and having the interior lights come on by remote and 90 seconds after the coach is started, dim gradually.

The rear power cell would operate the starter, engine ignition, electric fuel pumps, tail/stop lights, backup lights, rear clearance lights, rear identification lights, and cooling fans for the transmission cooler and engine oil cooler.

The system is E-PROM controlled so if battery power is lost the programming remains. Although the system comes preprogrammed with a standard operating program, a system programmer is available or ISIS can reprogram a master cell for special operations. A security, anti-theft system is built into the master cell and is operated by the 16 function remote.

Now for the bad news: the starter kit of one master cell, two power cells, CAN cable, main power input cables, 50 ring and 50 blade connectors, main power fuses, and wiring instructions is \$999.00. Additional power cells and master cells are available separately. Up to three master cell can be interconnected and a single master cell can control five power cells.

**TECH TIP NO.: 2010-02**

**SUBJECT: Pinch Weld Windshield Molding**

**UV MANUAL SECTION: 01-05**

**AUTHOR: Jim Davis #388**

The best source for the Ultra Van windshield molding is CRL or C. R. Laurence Inc. They are wholesale only but most glass companies can get their supplies directly from CRL. A retail source is the Gordon Glass Company (Technology LK). Order # AS1216 (1/32" to 1/16" pinch weld and 3/16" to 1/4" glass) and 3/8" lock strip #AS937.

General Office:  
LK Technologies, Inc  
a Gordon Glass Co.  
5116 Warrensville Center Rd  
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**TO MEMBERS/OWNERS**

**Regarding Holding Tank Installation:**

Requesting any vital information or hints for repairing the aluminum holding tanks and installing them. What particular type of insulation should be used? Any suggestions on types of rubber hosing, coating the inside of the tanks, wiring, and any other plumbing suggestions? I have a picture of an early-modeled Ultra Van black water holding tank. I need to know if the external fixtures (projections) were installed properly on the sides of this tank? If not, exactly, where should they be mounted?

Also, is there an owner/member who have had past experience with repairing and installing the aluminum holding tanks in our Ultra Vans. It is important that I find out some vital information about the repair and installing of these tanks.

Requesting "Samples" of the Rubber Weather stripping for enclosing the front Windshields?  
Requesting "Samples" of the Cherry wood Wall Paneling, the company or shop where you can order this item from, and exactly, what the ID or Model Number is for this part?

Thanks for your Help!  
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**Dates: January 15-17, 2010**

Event: Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN

Hosted by: East Tennessee Corvair Club

**CORVAIR EVENTS**

No planned car events, just time to relax with Corvair friends. Go shopping, go-kart racing, racing, plenty of fun for the family. Cold Creek Resort, 4025 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN, 66/794-0580, www.coldcreekresort.com, \$50 per night when you mention Corvair event

Contact: Lowell Don Jesse, 2440 Wildwood Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: 423/288-2044

**Dates: January 20, 2010**

Event: Open Track Racing in Rosamund, CA

Hosted by: California Arizona Racing

Corvair class organized for racing school on the big track at Willow Springs Raceway. Newbie class room and on-track instructions. Three run groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Five 30-minutes sessions. BBQ Lunch and t-shirt. Advance price \$155.00.

Contact: Mark Aksamit Phone: 928/202-8654

**Dates: February 26-27, 2010**

Event: Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola, FL

Hosted by: West Florida Corvair Club

Friday night hospitality dinner, people's choice car show, valve cover races, ladies' get together, and more. Host hotel Days Inn, 16 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach, FL 850/934-3300 or 800/934-3301, mention "Corvair" for \$79/\$99 room rates until January 15.

Contact: June Lindsay Phone: 850/994-2161

**Dates: March 12-14, 2010**

Event: Spring Warm-Up in Myrtle Beach, SC

Hosted by: Central Carolina CORSA

Car show, swap meet, valve cover racing, and awards banquet. Host is the Sea Mist Resort, 1200 Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC, 800/200-8687, mention CORSA by 2/12 for special rates.

Contact: Carol Harris, 2410 Tindal Rd., Sumter SC 29154 Phone: 803/236-2686

**Dates: March 13, 2010**

Event: Car & Truck Show in Inverness, FL

Hosted by: Nature Coast Corvairs

Show for 1985 and older, at Inverness City Hall 9:00-4:00, register before noon. To benefit Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center. \$15 till Feb. 27, then \$20.

Contact: NCC, 1490 Druid Rd., Inverness, FL 34452 Phone 352/344-4210

**Dates: March 15-19, 2010**

Event: Eastern Spring Rally in Port Orange, FL

Hosted by: Ultra Van Motor Coach Club

Tours, games, fellowship, and tech sessions at the Nova Family Campground. Join us for fun in the sun.

Contact: Brenda Leighton Phone: 239/656-3075

**Dates: March 26-28, 2010**

Event: Autocross in St. Augustine, FL

Hosted by: Southeast Corvair Counsel

Two full days of racing at its best, courses designed by "Fast Eddie" Meadows. Get your car out of winter storage and have fun in Florida. RV camping allowed on site. Econo Lodge, 888/824-4306, mention Corvair for \$55 rate.

Contact: Sarah Beltrami, Phone: 386/615-0072

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Tuesday, March 16	8-10 AM – Breakfast goodies & coffee 9:30 AM – Door prizes 10:00 – Tech session/Ultra Bingo Lunch on your own Free time OR possible boat tour 5:30 Pot Luck dinner followed by Yankee swap
Wednesday, March 17	8:30 - 9:30 AM – Pancake breakfast 9:30 AM – door prizes 10 AM – Walk to Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens 10:30 AM – Tour of Gardens Lunch on your own 2 PM – Scavenger hunt Free time/ Coach tours Dinner on your own
Thursday, March 18 8:30-	9:30 AM – Breakfast goodies and coffee 9:30 AM – door prizes

10 AM – Business meeting  
12:00 Noon – Lunch at Dustin's BBQ  
2:00 PM – Walk to Florida East Coast RR depot  
5:30 PM – Shared meal – empty your refrigerator  
9AM – Eat out breakfast at Sausage & Biscuit diner  
Good-byes and departure

Friday, March 19

FREE TIME SUGGESTIONS: Canoeing, swimming, water taxi to New Smyrna Beach, relaxing and visiting



## The Western Spring Ultra Van Rally

**12 April through 15 April 2010**  
**at the KOA RV Park - AVI Casino in Laughlin Nevada**

Betsy's famous spaghetti will be served at the Welcome Dinner Monday afternoon - Tuesday will be the Pot-Luck Dinner and the infamous fun Yankee Swap Meet.- Wednesday is a free day - Thursday we'll pig-out at the 2-for-1 Buffet

The AVI Casino has a free Wednesday Video Poker Tournament, 6 Bingo Sessions daily, A golf course, an 8-plex Movie Theatre, a Pool, a Spa, a beautiful secluded beach with a boat launch and a free shuttle to the Laughlin Mall.

AND there's plenty of sand dunes for your ATV's.....

KOA Sunday through Thursday rates are \$23.63 (which includes tax) Ya get a 10% discount for KOA, AAA, AARP or Good Sam members. If ya wanna stay for a 7-day period, the price is only \$138.71. Stay-2-nights-get-3rd-night-free coupons are available from Woodalls, RV Journal and Trailer Life magazines....Clip and share as many of them as you can.

Ultra Vanners attending this rally must call KOA to make reservations and pay for first night with credit card. Advise making reservations ASAP so's we can all park together as a group. **Ask for Linda 1-800-562-4142 and mention Ultra Van Rally and Betsy Senn.**

**Please RSVP Betsy** (928-565-1298 or [sennasylum@npgcable.com](mailto:sennasylum@npgcable.com)) so I'll know how big of a pot of spaghetti to brew We had a lot of fun last year & as usual, our Ultras attracted alot of attention -- it's a nice clean park and a friendly casino... Hope to see all of ya there!!

Betsy



## Barn Raisin' in Mesquite, NV (Postponed from January 15, 2010)

This event is to "fix" Ultra Van #324.  
Those who would like to help out, please come.  
The exact dates have not been determined yet.  
ALL DETAILS will be in the next newsletter. Or call Cindy Nelson at 702) 345-8635



### ROLLIN' RALLY, ANYONE???

Who is interested in a rolling rally following the CORSA convention end of June? I have made preliminary inquiries and arrangements, but will go no further until I hear from a few (more) people interested. I propose that we leave the CORSA Convention June 25, and gather in southern WI or the Milwaukee area on June 26th (with anyone invited regardless of their participation in CORSA).

Split three days between Sheboygan County and Door County and then we would proceed to the upper Peninsula, then to Mackinaw City, and to Grand Rapids and Holland. The distances are challenging (172 from Milwaukee to the Upper Peninsula, 230 in the UP, and 250 from the UP to Holland).

I know the Wisconsin side best and would be happy to do just that, but any participants from east of Lake Michigan have to go back anyway. An alternative would be to do Milwaukee, Sheboygan Co, Door Co, then the ferry across and do some of western MI before dispersing. The end of the suggested week is the weekend of the "4th" so we cannot wait until summer to make reservations.

Please email or call me if interested in attending or assisting (forget snail mail...it can't catch snow birds)

zout@rconnect.com  
712-348-1089



## 2010 National Ultra Van Rally in Hannibal, Missouri September 13-17, 2010

**Celebrate our National Rally with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mark Twain's death.  
There will be tall tales and original foods from the Huckleberry Finn era. More  
details will come with later issues of the newsletter.**

**This will be hosted by Norm and Brenda Standal. 239-656-3075**