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This is coach #460 belonging to Chuck and Cyndie Hanson who live in Mesquite, AZ. They took this picture going home from the National Rally last year. The coach is parked at the Navajo Government Center at Window Rock, Arizona. And we want to welcome Chuck as our newest Western Director.

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"The Ernest Newhouse Award"

There have been questions regarding the procedures and selection of a person who should receive the Ernest Newhouse Award. The following was taken from our By-Laws Dated 2006

Appendix – J Paragraph 2 Procedures (5/93)(7/00)(8/05)

The award recognizes an Ultra Member who has contributed in an outstanding manner to the progress, enjoyment and general success of the Club and its activities, and meets the qualifications as stated in "B" below.

(7/00)(8/05) Basis for selection will be the individual performance during the entire period of membership. Not limited to the previous year or any other shorter time period. To qualify for nomination of this award, the individual must have done four of the following six items:

- 1. Host at least one National Rally.
- 2. Hold a Chair position of a committee.
- 3. Hold at least one term as a club officer, Tech. or other Club position.
- 4.Be a member of the Club for a minimum of two years.
- 5. Host at least two regional Rallys, or a second National Rally.
- 6. Accomplish outstanding or superior services to the Club.

A written, qualifying report will be sent to the President for each nominee for verification. The President will forward each qualified report to the editor for inclusion on the Ballot.

Members vote by ballot, preceding or during the National Rally. Nominations will be as specified in paragraph 2B above. Presentation of the award occurs at the National Rally. A tie vote selects the individual of longest Club membership. An individual may receive the award one time.

The "Ernie Award" is the highest individual recognition that the Club offers. The Medallion will be worn at all Ultra Assemblies

Obituary for Maybel Estelle Griggs

Maybel Estelle Griggs, 82, passed away on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010.

One of our longest serving members is sadly gone. The Maybel we knew was always happy and she had a smile on her face no matter what happened to the Ultra Van. Maybel's hobbies (besides the Ultra Van Club) were sewing and quilting as well as collecting salt & pepper shakers.

She was the Secretary for many years when the secretary had to publish the newsletter four times a year. Along with Louis, who looked after the club treasury, Maybel also sent out the dues notices and kept the by-laws current.

Maybel was a nurse and member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and sang in the choir. Maybel also belonged to the McKinley Chapter 12 O.E.S.; Daughters of the Nile and the Women's Civic Club.

Louis and Maybel were married 60 years had a son, David W. Griggs and their delight, a granddaughter, Gwendolyn.

Maybel is buried in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap.



Walt Davison says: Another one of the "Memory Makers" gone...that's one of the Ultra Vans problems...it leaves you with dear friends all over the country!! I can remember my father saying in his last years..."I don't have any friends anymore...they are all gone"...it seems I'm getting there

With heavy heart, I have just heard that our beloved Maybel Griggs passed away on January 29. Our sympathy goes out to Louis and their son David and his family.

Norm Helmkay

Obituary from Cumberland, Md.

CUMBERLAND — Maybel Estelle Griggs, 82, of Cumberland, died on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Devlin Manor Health Care Center.

Born July 29, 1927, in Meyersdale, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Ralph Henry Werner and Hilda Catherine (Boyer) Werner.

Mrs. Griggs was formerly a private duty nurse and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 1949. She was also a member of the McKinley Chapter 12 O.E.S.; Daughters of the Nile; the Womens Civic Club and the church choir.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Louis C. Griggs, of Cumberland; a son, David W. Griggs, of Cumberland; a brother, Harold Werner and wife Jane, of Meyersdale, Pa., and a granddaughter, Gwendolyn M. Griggs, of Cumberland.

Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur St., Cumberland, (AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

A funeral service was conducted in the funeral home on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Cary Moorman officiating.

Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap.



PREZ SEZ:

Another word to all of you Ultra "lubbers" is due. Our pleasant winter in Lake Havasu. City is about over, having gone all too fast.

It was nice to hear of the recent spring Eastern Rally. It sounds like the "Eastern" was OK, but there was nothing "spring" about it. Read more about that in this WOW issue.

Martha and I had hoped to rub shoulders with some of you Westerners but the change from Feb to April for the western rally put the "kabosh" on that. We must head to the Midwest soon, and so we will have had little contact with all of your except the National rally and reading all of the emails from the Yahoo site.

Thanks again for the good work of all the officers, Brenda for this issue, Bob for again publishing the 2010 roster (which you all recently received), Roy for the secretarial work, Lou for keeping the funds.

Thanks to Jim for his technical expertise. Thanks to all of you who have answered technical questions asked on the Yahoo site. Thanks to Norm H. for his occasional replies to these questions. Thanks to those working on our next National rally. Special thanks also to Ken Wildman for all of the work he has done on the web site.

Do me a favor.....look carefully at the Roster you received from Bob (last section of the book). Certainly you know someone who formerly was a member of UVMCC but they are not current. Give someone a call, send an email, or a note encouraging them to spend 10 bucks to maintain their membership and help to keep our club alive and well!

It is encouraging to read (mostly from the Yahoo Groups) of people acquiring coaches and also those refurbishing and getting coaches back on the road.

Finally: 1. Hope to see some of you at the CORSA convention in Cedar Rapids

- 2. Whether or not you go to CORSA, we would be happy for you to join us on a Rolling Rally around Lake Michigan (see other note about that)
- 3. AND please make plans to come to the National Rally at Hannibal in September

Ron Zoutendam

While at the Eastern Ultra Van Rally at Port Orange, FL, five Ultra owners drove over to New Smyrna Beach to look at the historical #315 Ryerson Coach which was sitting near the ocean. It was complete, with all of Ryerson's revisions, spare parts and records. It is for sale very reasonably. If interested contact: Julius Bruggeman, 5203 S. Atlantic Ave. #109, New Smyrna, Beach, FL 32169 PH (386) 426-0153.







KOA rates are \$23.63 per night with 10% discount for KOA, AAA, AARP or Good Sam Members. or \$138.71 for 7 days. Ultra Vanners attending this raily must call KOA to make reservations and pay for first night with credit cars. Advise making reservations ASAP so's we can all park as a group together. Ask for Linda 1-800-562-4142 and mention Ultra Vans & Betsy Sens.

Betay's famous epaghetti will be served at the Welcome Dinner Monday afternoon.

Tuesday will be Put-Luck & the Yonkee Swap Meet.

On Thursday we'll pig-out at the 2-fort or half-price Suffet (Slot card required for this and other discounts - slot cards are FREE from the Advantage Club inside Casine).

"Yankae Swap Meet gifts should be \$8 - \$10."

If you plan to attend this rally, please RSVP Betsy

Come One!!!! Come All!!!!

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

April 18-24, 2010 920 Leavitt Lane, Mesquite, NV Poor #324 needs help!

The home of Chuck and Cyndie Hanson This event is to "fix" Ultra Van #324. Those who would like to help out, please come. For directions, call Cindy Nelson at 702) 345-8635



"Roll around Lake Michigan"

I am organizing a rolling rally around Lake Michigan to follow CORSA's convention in Cedar Rapids Iowa. CORSA ends on Friday June 25. This is the **tentative** itinerary

Friday, June 25 Those not committed to staying in Cedar Rapids until the "bitter end" will leave early and will meet at Vern & Deb Hammers (380A) in Rockford, IL Those not attending CORSA will also join us there (or in subsequent days). Cedar Rapids to Rockford is 170 mi.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 26</u> travel to Pat and Mary Kennedys (391) @ Delavan, WI. There we will be joined by some choosing not to leave CORSA early Pat and Mary will host us with a cookout Sat. evening. Cedar Rapids to Delevan is 180 mi, Rockford to Delavan 35 mi.

<u>Sunday & Monday, June 27-28</u>, We will journey to Sheboygan Co, WI (Boyhood home of yours truly) (275) where we will stay 2 nights at Kohler Andrae State Pk. There we will be subjected to Cheese factory, Sausage factory, and Kohler Co. tours and other things on Ron & Martha's nostalgic itinerary, including at least one "Bratwurst Fry' Delavan to Sheboygan 110 mi.

<u>Tues. & Wed, June 29-30.</u> We will drive to Door County WI. There we will a stage presentation of "Cheese Head" and experience a fish boil. Sheboygan to Door Co, approx 100 mi.

<u>Thurs. July 1</u> will be spent in transition from the Door Co.peninsula to the Upper MI peninsula. We will possibly see the Packers' Hall of Fame (Green Bay) and the Peshtigo (WI) fire museum enroute. Site of "encampment" not determined.

<u>Fri., July 2</u> destination will be Big Springs, MI for one night Enroute we will visit Fayette state park. Total distance for the two days will be 250 mils, from Door Co. to Big Springs, MI.

Sat & Sun July 3-4 We will travel to Munsing, MI and stay two nights (60 miles)

This is the :pictured rocks" area and a boat ride in the area is a "must". There are many beautiful waterfalls in the area

Monday & Tues, July 5-6 we will journey to St. Ignace for two nights (110 mi)

From there we can spend a day at Macinac Island, before going the Michigan's lower peninsula.

[An alternative would be to go to Tahquamenon Falls and Whitefish Point (Gr. Lakes Shipwreck Museum) en route to St Ignace. Would then spend one night at Paradise and only one night at St. Ignace. This would add 75 mi. to the trip]

[Another option would be to Go to Sault St. Marie and the Lock in lieu of some of the other sites.....possibly eliminating Macinac Island]

Wed. July 7 to Empire for one night. This is the Sleeping Bear Dunes area (another Boat ride), 133 miles.

Thurs. July 8 to Mears for one night (133 miles)

Friday July 9 to Holland, MI (102 mi) Museum, Windmills, or other "Dutch stuff"

<u>Saturday July 10</u>, gather at Clyde and Kaye Stantons (392) at Middleville, MI 44 miles. There we will stay until we *wear out our welcome*

[alternate plans for lower Michigan could include an extra day in the Petroskey-Traverse city area and then go straight from Empire to Holland (200 plus miles in one day).

I emphasize again that this itinerary is tentative and can be modified by the participants. At present we have **6 coaches** (**couples**) planning to participate. We would love to have more. Attendance at CORSA, of course is optional. Anyone can join us "en route". If interested or for more information contact me at zout@rconnect.com, or 712-324-4660 or 712-348-1089.

I will maintain a list of those interested or committed and will send updates periodically on the progress of our planning . All suggestions will be entertained.

Ron Zoutendam 712-348-1089

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

Celebrate our National Rally with the 100th Anniversary of Mark Twain's death. There will be tall tales and original foods from the Huckleberry Finn era.

Sites have been reserved at the Mark Twain Cave Campgrounds. 300 Cave Hollow Road

Hannibal, Missouri 63401

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



http://www.marktwaincave.com

<u>Directions from Hannibal:</u>
I-72/36 East and West to Scenic bypass Highway 79 South to Cave Hollow Road (right)

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 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 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





The following were unintentionally deleted from the 2010 Roster. Please add them.

Deryk and Shannon Peters: P.O Box 3087 Newberg, OR 97132 I <u>flint2@yahoo.com</u> Cell 503 349-2459 UV#411. John Saroavy: 3 U K Riversdale Mews Liverpool L193RG.

Owen Strawn: 434 S. Lexington Rd. Wichita, KS 67218 owenstrawn@yahoo.com 316-682-9499 316-208-4885 cell

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

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

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 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**

<u>WANTED:</u> Hoping to buy or barter out a very good conditioned <u>Corvair-110 engine</u>. 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 or telephone: (417) 725-8088.

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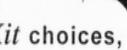
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Eastern Ultra Van Rally Report

By June Lindsay

The Eastern Ultra Van Rally was held from March 15th through 19th at the Nova Family Campground in Port Orange FL. With cabins, electrical and water hookups, showers and bathrooms, meeting rooms, cabins and spread over several acres of large oaks, this facility had everything necessary to guarantee a great rally. Arriving one by one the Rally started off with greetings and salutations from old and new friends. There were seven Ultra Vans, one camping trailer and one family in a cabin. All who attended enjoyed a week of camping, games, prizes, food and fellowship.

The seven Ultra Vans were lined up all in a row in front of the campground and could be seen and admired by those passing by on the busy street that ran along outside of the campground. Several people stopped and looked at all the "Whales on Wheels." One fire truck came cruising through and several other spectators found the Ultra Vans very interesting. Morine & Rick Robinson and Clyde Morris from Ontario Canada and snowbirds to Port Orange FL saw an article about the Rally in the local newspaper. A few Corvair Lovers read about the Rally in the CORSA Communiqué and came to see the Ultra Vans. Warren & Sharon Leveque from Anderson IN came driving into the campground pulling



their Corvair Race Car behind them. Warren & Sharon were visiting relatives and on their way to an AutoCross to be held the following weekend in St. Augustine. Jim Barbuti, a long time Corvair Lover from Central Florida, came to check out the coaches as well. Ralph Loewinger, from Central FL a Corvair owner with Parts for Sale, came to admire the coaches. Ron & Judy Mann from Detroit MI come to admire the Ultra Vans while visiting their daughter. Ron & Judy own seven Corvairs and think that the Greenbrier is the most fun but may change their minds after seeing the Ultra Vans.

The hosts for the Rally were Jean McMasters, coach # 330, from N. Palm Beach FL and Jerry & Mary Lou Kramer, coach # 424, from Ft. Recovery OH. On Monday night they provided a Welcome Dinner for all by provided individual bowls of plain chili sauce,

spaghetti, red beans, oyster crackers, onions and green peppers to "Build Your Own Chili." The dinner was well received. The rest of the week they had Pot Luck where everyone brought a dish to share. On the last night we ate leftovers. Every morning we had coffee and goodies. During the rest of the week there were door prizes given away daily. One night they had a Yankee Swap where you could take a prize from someone else if you wanted and after two swaps the prize was frozen and could not be taken away. They had a scavenger hunt between two teams and the winning team got prizes. One day most went out to lunch at a BBQ restaurant and on the last morning we went out to breakfast. They had a business meeting and took nominations for officers. One day the men went to check out coach #513 in New Smyrna Beach, FL and only a few yards away from the Atlantic Ocean.

Jean McMasters drove his coach #330 that has over 610,000 miles on it. He drove just over 40 miles to the rally. Jean sold a boat in 1978 in order to buy #330 and is the third owner. Jean has restored six Ultra Vans and owns coach #377 as well. He has a 1964 Corvair Convertible that is completely restored and for sale for \$10,000.

Jerry & Mary Lou Kramer's son owned a Corvair and that is how they got interested in the Ultra Vans. In 1994 they bought coach #424. Jerry and Mary Lou drove #424 over 1,313 miles to attend the Rally.

Norm & Brenda Standal from North Ft. Myers drove about 257 miles in their coach #480. This coach has a smiley face on the front of it and everyone loves it. Brenda didn't want to step foot in the coach at first. After Norm completely built new kitchen cabinets with marble counter tops and installed maroon carpet and seats she changed her mind. Norm bought a Chrysler V6 minivan for \$400 and put the drivetrain in #480. They just bought coach #500.

Clyde & Kay Stanton from Middleville, Michigan drove their coach #392 over 1,300 miles to the rally burning a hydrogen mix fuel. They have owned # 392 since 1978. Their first Ultra Van was #313 and they had it for thirty-five years. Clyde has owned 43 Corvairs at one time or another and has parts cars and parts for sale. It is through the Corvair that they got interested in the Ultra Vans.

Jim & Roy Davis from Murray KY drove their coach #388 about 900 miles by way of Ft. Myers to attend the rally. They have owned #388 for eleven years. Jim and Roy wanted an Ultra Van for years and it took two years to find one. Coach #388 has 166 cid 140, OT-10 cam headers, supertrapp and front disc brakes. Jim & Roy travel with two Abyssinian cats Rosie & Tawny. Rosie and Tawny have as many miles in the Ultra Van as their owners and they don't chase dogs. Jim and Roy have owned Corvairs continuously since 1962.

Jerry Dute from Lagrange OH drove coach #467 over 1,100 miles to the rally. #467 is powered by a 350 GM Diesel with front wheel drive and a Toronado suspension. Jerry is the fourth owner and bought #467 in 1981 after reading an article in a travel magazine. He wrote to Jerome Lipnick, the third owner, then went to Long Island NY and drove #467 back home. He became interested in the Ultra Van when in 1968 he went to Hutchison KS and took a new Ultra Van for a ride. Jerry has four Corvair parts cars.



Ed & June Lindsay from Milton FL drove their coach #338 over 465 miles to the rally. #338 quit about two miles from the campground and had to arrive on a roll back. Ed thought he was out of gas but it was determined that he had a bad fuel pump. Ed had a spare fuel pump and was able to make it home with no other problems. June always wanted



a motorhome and when Ed found #338 on the Internet she wanted it immediately! They bought #338 in July of 2007 from Ken and Penny Wildman. They drove it home from Ada OH having a bad governor problem on the way.

Dennis & Dolly Sharp drove over 135 miles from Chiefland FL pulling their camping trailer. Three years ago they bought coach #481 and it is in the process of being restored. They wanted an Ultra Van for years and found #481 only 7 ½ miles from their home.

Norm & Marion Helmkay from Haines City FL and originally from Ontario Canada drove their Chrysler Van about 2 hours to the rally. They stayed in a cabin with their daughter, Lauren Helmkay from Roches Point, Ontario Canada and their grand-daughter, Alexandra Sturges. Norm and Marion had owned #408 since 1986 and it was their fourth Ultra Van. They owned #356, 486 and 547 as well.

Everyone had a great time and looking forward to next years rally. Ed and June Lindsay volunteered to host the 2011 rally in Pensacola FL. The 2011 rally will be highlighted with a trip to the world famous Naval Air Museum and home of the Blue Angels.



A Special Note from Your Editor.....

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.

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