



Howard Boso has just finished the restoration of Ultravan #479 and it is ready to rejoin the fleet on the road. It had been sitting for 15+ years in Dean Mitchell's yard in Arizona. #479 is now looking for a good home.

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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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Doug and Nancy Pratt of Pennsylvania are enjoying the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina. Beautiful estate, beautiful Ultra Van and beautiful pictures to show everyone.



PREZ SEZ:



June 20, 2010

Hello Everyone,

Brenda always puts out a nice newsletter, so I had better write something worthy of publication. Coming up with new things to say is perhaps a reason for me to “head out” since I have been your president for “some time”. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR BALLOT and be sure to vote.

Making up the ballot serves as a reminder that our club numbers are slowly dwindling. Equally noteworthy is that attendance at rallies is declining faster than the decline of our membership. That is due to a number of factors (my assessment only). Certainly the economy may factor in. It costs more to go anywhere, much less halfway across the country. Another reason is our change in culture. Getting together, actually rather than virtually, seems to be less common. less expected, and less necessary than it formerly was. Those of my generation still would rather be face to face, if possible and to a large extent, shun the “social networking” My concept of “twittering” is to attempt to whistle a tune..

Another reason for the change is (fortunately) more younger people have purchased UV coaches in recent years, and have less money and time to travel (you know, work, kids, and such stuff). The ability to visit, converse, “chat” and otherwise communicate is MUCH EASIER, less expensive, and faster **digitally**. Certainly lots more “stuff”, both good and bad, flows through the ethernet, most of which previously occurred by letter, fax, telephone, or actual “get-togethers” such as our rallies..

Hence I am very grateful for Ken’s, Owens, work and am also grateful for the CORSA website. I am still pushing for most of you to get on the Yahoo Groups list, and also to follow the various Ultra and Corvair related websites.

At present, the annual meetings take place at our national rally. So I am also urging AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND THE RALLY AT HANNIBAL in September. I look forward to seeing “y’all” there! I know that Virtual “vairs” has been along for a long time but most of us drive ACTUAL VAIRS or ULTRAS!!! We might frequently wish they were “virtual” rather than “actual”.

Martha and I Look forward to seeing many of you the week of Sept 13-18!

Ron Zoutendam



“Roll around Lake Michigan” Join Us!!

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.

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.

Saturday, June 26 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.

Sunday & Monday, June 27-28, 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.

Tues. & Wed, June 29-30. 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.

Thurs. July 1 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.

Fri., July 2 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”

Saturday July 10, 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.

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.



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

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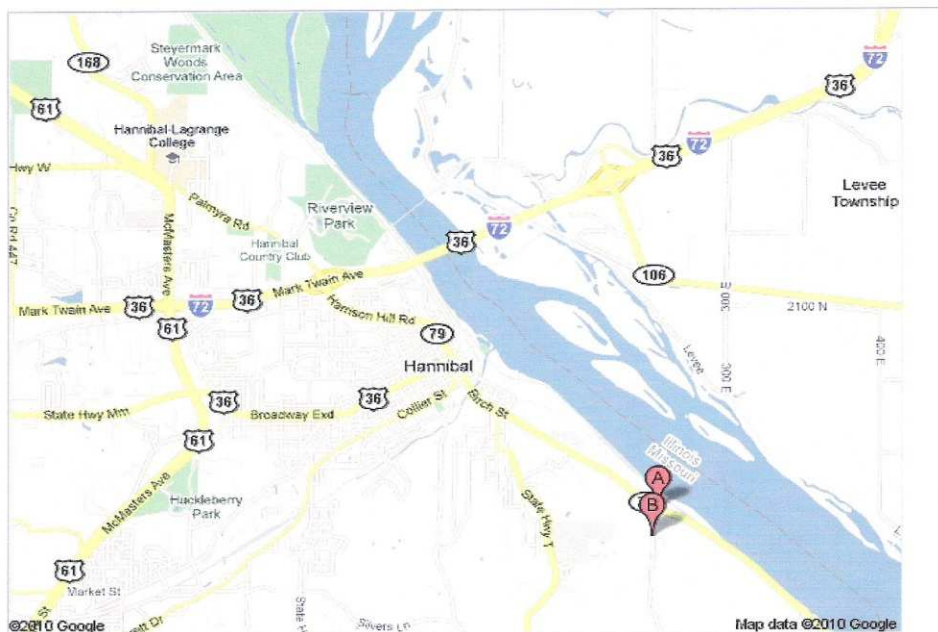
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Riverboat Ride
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Banquet
Campfire and tall tales
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Ultra Vans For Sale

#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.**



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Heads Up All of You Ultra Van Owners

At the Corvair National Convention in Cedar Rapids, Ia, Roy Davis said they were overwhelmed with visitors. There were lines waiting to view the inside of "Beau". Roy also said that she and Jim had also gone to the Corvair meet in Indianapolis. Beau was the only Ultra Van there. It sounds like the Ultra Van is alive and doing very well!!! People are lining up just to see what they look like inside. Everyone!!! Get out there on the road!!! It looks like the Ultra Van is here to stay!!!

Ultra Class Ads:

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TECH TIP NUMBER 2010-04
UV MANUAL SECTION

Subject: Pinchwelds Molding Sources
Author: Jim Davis #388

Continued from Tech Tip 2010-02

Another source for pinch weld molding has been identified by Glenn Lemke. It is Restoration Specialties & Supply, Inc., PO Box 328, Windber, PA 15963. 814-467-9842 814-467-9282

<http://www.restorationspecialties.com/> For the one inch pinch weld the number is the same AS-1216 with the lock strip AS-937. The price is \$2.50 per foot (Ultra Vans use 23 feet but you may want some extra). The lock strip is a additional \$0.85 a foot.

Also available is a 1.5 inch wide pinch weld molding. It will have to be trimmed along the inside upper edge to clear the fiberglass cap. The 1.5 inch wide pinch weld is AS-1522. The price is \$2.50 a foot. No separate lock strip is required.

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Report on 2010 Ultra Van Western Spring Rally

by Betsy Senn

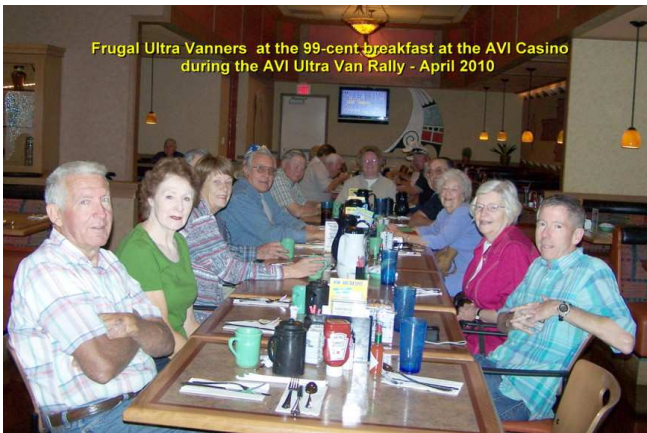


The AVI Ultra Van Rally in April was as usual, a real fun time



Bob Galli, Lew & Shelley Young, Howard & Marsha Boso, Jim & Marlene Craig, Tom & Jodie LaCoque, Larry & Rosie Forman, Gale & Gretchen Pfueller, Ed & Jane Harrison & Cindy Nelson, and guest Lew Smiley, and Hosts Leo & Betsy Senn, enjoyed each others company and the lovely sun-shiney warm weather amongst the exciting atmosphere of a casino.

This was Gale & Gretchen's Maiden Voyage in their Ultra Van 497, all the way down from Bellingham, Washington.



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“Barn Raisin” in Mesquite Report

By Chuck Hanson

Before



Despite nasty weather and vicious winds, the planned 'barn-raisin' in Mesquite on April 16-24 was a huge success.

After



As you may know, Ed and Jane Harrison, long time members and owners of the 324, had an unfortunate dust-up with a palm tree and block wall at their RV lot, causing serious damage to the 324 just before the Spring Podfest last year. Ed was unharmed, but broken-hearted to say the least. Those attending the Podfest agreed to rebuild if Cindy could find a new nose.

She didn't disappoint her Daddy, and we set to work replacing the front end fiberglass and sheet metal, along with damage to the wiring and other components. Ed supervised almost every step of the way with his assistant Jayk the Beast. Jim Craig was the designated foreman, with his knowledge of riveting techniques and his mountain of specialty tools. The rest of the crew included Howard Boso, Eric Kirven, Leo Senn, Chuck Hanson, Britton Harrison, and Cindy Nelson's special parts procurement talents. We attacked the project with gusto, fueled by our support crew's expert culinary talents. Marsha Boso, Marlene Craig, Jane Harrison and Gracious Hostess Cyndie Hanson kept us well over-fed for the duration. We lost Leo early on to the emergency room at Mesa View Hospital, and we're happy to say he is fully recovered from his rather scary event, and is again terrorizing Betsy to his full ability.



We got the new nose installed and most of the details handled before everyone had to return to Colorado, Arizona, and California. I plodded along with wiring and air bag issues, lighting and oil leaks. Britton and his daughter Maia returned on Memorial Day weekend and we finished up and delivered 324 back to her rightful place to a very happy couple of Ultra Van fans.

Ed and Jane thank all those involved from the bottom of their hearts, and I, for one, am proud to be a part of an organization that will go to this length for a good friend.

Chuck Hanson



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