



**Chuck , Cyndie, and Jake Hanson with their Ultra Van #460. They reside in Mesquite, Nevada and are very active in the club. It was at the Fan Belt Toss 3 years ago that Cyndie said maybe they should get an Ultra Van.**

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A Special Note from Your Editor.....

Greetings All! It is the first of the year and time for renewal of membership in the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club. The dues are \$10 per year. This can be paid to the Treasurer, Lewis Young, 1280 Michaeltin Court, Manteca, CA 95336 if you have not done so. All members are being sent this issue of Whales on Wheels. Only paid members receive the newsletters. On the label on your envelope is the year you are paid through. If this does not agree with your records, please contact Lew by phone or email, so all records can be updated. Thank you.

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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## Prez Sez

Greetings to all Ultra friends.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Kaye and I have been in the Ultra Club since 1975 and have been to many Ultra Rallies over the years. That is how we met many fine Ultra friends.

We also saw and learned how to keep our Ultra alive and running down the roads. If memory serves me right the largest rally that we attended was at Lady Bird Johnson Park in Texas. I think that there was around 50 Ultras there. I believe that we had 8 Ultras at the rally in Missouri in September this year.

Any ideas how we can get the attendance up would be appreciated.

Your Friends in Ultra,  
Clyde & Kaye Stanton  
Ultra #392



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## **CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>July 26-30, 2011</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>CORSA International Convention in Denver CO</b>
<b>Hosted by:</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain CORSA</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Host hotel is Doubletree Denver Tech Center, 7801 E. Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village CO 80111, 303/779-6161 or <a href="http://www.denvertch.doubletree.com">www.denvertch.doubletree.com</a> . For special \$99 rate give group name "CORSA" and group code "CSA."

## 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.**



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#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**



**Reminder !!!!** Time to renew or pay dues for 2011!!! Please send to Lewis Young , Treasurer, 1280 Michaeltin Court, Manteca, CA 95336 (209) 823-6293 e mail: [lew111@verizon.net](mailto:lew111@verizon.net) If you cannot remember if you have paid, please contact Lew.



# Eastern Spring UltraVan Rally March 23 thru March 27, 2011

## Blue Angel Naval Recreational Area

2100 Bronson Road

Pensacola FL 32506-5000



**Hosted by Ed & June Lindsay #338 & #407**

And Co-Sponsored by the West Florida Corvair Club

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**Check-In Time 2 PM On Wednesday, March 23!**

**Host Welcome Dinner Wednesday Night!**

**Tour The Naval Air Museum Thursday!**

**Breakfast & Lunch Provided by the WFCC on Saturday!!**

**Nature Walks at Your Leisure!**

**Door Prizes! 50/50! Ladies Get Together! Tech Session!**

**Check-Out time 11 AM Sunday, March 27!**

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For all information and reservations for motorcoach or trailer sites, cabins or tent sites, contact Ed & June Lindsay, [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net) or call 850-287-3576. Camp sites are "first come, first serve!" You can not reserve a camp site. You must let us know that you are coming so that we can put your name on a list at the gate, to tag your camp site and to plan for the purchase of food, etc. **To avoid problems, please let us know that you are coming and let us know your intentions!**



## Important Information & Tentative Schedule

Check in time is 2 pm on Wednesday, March 23. Let us know you are coming. Mary and Gary Mierzwa will be our military sponsors. When you get to the gate, mention that you are with the "Mierzwa Group" and you can pay at the gate and get a map of the recreational area. If you have trouble at the gate and did not let us know that you are coming and you do not have a Military ID, call 850-287-3576 and we will come to the gate and check you in. If you do have a Military ID and plan to come early, you can check yourself in and pay at the gate. (If you don't let us know you are coming, we may not be able to find you a camp site near the group.)

**Campground:** After you leave the gate, keep to the left at any fork in the road. At the stop sign at the end of the road we will be at the "Anchor Cove Campground" to the right and behind the Country Store. Take the second road in the campground. We will be gathering around the area behind the group of four cabins closest to the beach, big pavilion and bathhouse. In case of rain, meals & activities will be held under the pavilion.

### Wednesday, March 23:

5:30 pm- Host Welcome Dinner "Build Your Own Burrito or Taco Salad!"  
6:30 pm - Door Prizes! Luck of the Draw!

### Thursday, March 24:

8:30 am - Light breakfast!  
10 am - 4 pm- Tour the Naval Air Museum! (Bring a sack lunch or eat at Museum Restaurant.)  
5:30 pm: Pot Luck Dinner!  
6:30 pm - Door Prizes! Luck of the Draw!

### Friday, March 25:

8:30 am - Light breakfast!  
10 am - Tech Session at coach #338!  
10 am - Ladies get together under the pavilion! (Bingo & 60's Music Trivia)  
Noonish! - Lunch is on your own!  
5:30 pm - Pot Luck Dinner!  
6:30 pm - Door Prizes! Luck of the Draw!

### Saturday, March 26:

8:30 am - Breakfast provided by the members of the West Florida Corvair Club!  
10:00 am - Eastern Ultra Van Meeting under the pavilion.  
1:30 pm - Grazing begins for a late lunch provided by the West Florida Corvair Club!  
4 pm - Yankee Swap! (Everyone who participates is to bring a door prize to swap.)  
Whenever - Oh My God Leftovers!  
6 pm - 50/50 Drawing

### Wednesday thru Saturday, March 23 – 26:

Any time - Nature Walks at your leisure!

### Sunday, March 27:

9 am - Host "Make Your Own Pancake Breakfast"  
11 am - Check-Out time and Goodbyes!

### Special Note:

The cabins are \$33 a day. Cabins are small, have room for two adults and you must bring your own sheets & pillows. RV and trailer spaces are \$16 each. Tent spaces are \$10. Prices could go up next year. It is a good idea for all to bring extra toiletries. New bathhouses have been installed with individual stalls. Each stall has a toilet, sink and shower.

# WEST COAST SUMMER ULTRA VAN RALLY

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4 2011

NEWPORT AND LINCOLN CITY, OREGON

Hosted by Gale and Gretchen Pfueller #497



Sun. July 31: Check in at Port of Newport Marina & RV Park

▪ Ultra Van Rally Registration (\$25 )

Welcome dinner provided by hosts

Mon. Aug. 1: Continental breakfast

▪ Tech session

▪ Lunch at nearby Rogue Brewery or Mo's in old town Newport

▪ Short walk: Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon Coast

▪ Aquarium and Rogue Brewery

Free Blue Bus: Historic Old Town Bay Front, Nye Beach

Ripley's Believe it or Not and Under Sea Garden

Potluck Dinner and Yankee Swap Meet (exchange of fun gifts)

Tue. Aug.2: Continental Breakfast

Travel up coast stopping at Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Otter Rock/

Devil's Punch Bowl, Otter Crest/Cape Foulweater, Depoe Bay

Arrive Lincoln City, Logan Road RV Park (Chinook Winds Casino)

Dinner Buffet Chinook Winds (free when registering for guest card)

Wed.Aug.3: Breakfast

Beach walk, Casino, Outlet Mall, Coach Tours

Dinner

Thu. Aug.4: Farewell breakfast/Check out

We have reserved sites. Please make all reservations through Gale and Gretchen ([gpontrack@yahoo.com](mailto:gpontrack@yahoo.com) or 360-734-3953). If unable to bring your UltraVan, trailers/5<sup>th</sup> wheels, etc. are welcome. Both cities have hotel/motel accommodations within walking distance of RV Sites.



**Norm Standal has become a "Corvair" man  
after overhauling a 40 year old engine.**



**“2011 Ultra Van National Rally”  
at Dodge City, Kansas  
August 29 – September 3, 2011**



**This event will be hosted by:**



**Owen Strawn  
Dennis and Linda Radford  
Brenda Standal**



Gunsmoke Trav-L-Park, your Quality Campground located in Dodge City, Kansas has been rated the # 1 Campground in the state of Kansas by Trailer Life ~ Good Sam.

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Come visit Gunsmoke Trav-L-Park and see what "Pride In Ownership" has to show for itself! Gunsmoke Trav-L-Park is located 1 mile west of Dodge City at the intersection of Bypass 50 and Business 50 on the north side of the road. While you're here, explore the history and unique areas of Dodge City's "*Old CowTown*" in Southwest Kansas, 150 miles west of Wichita.



**Details in the next**

**newsletter!!!!!!!**





## 2011 CORSA EVENTS

Dates: February 5, 2011

Event: Winter Swap Meet in Hamilton OH

Hosted by: Corvair Club of Cincinnati

Description: All types of parts, literature, toys, and automobilia. Vendor spaces available. Saturday 7:00-1:00 at Ohio National Guard Armory, 3000 Symmes Rd., Hamilton OH 45015

Contact: Mike or Patty Demeter

Phone: 513 737-7981

Dates: February 25-26, 2011

Event: Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola Beach FL

Hosted by: West Florida Corvair Club

Description: Hospitality dinner Friday night, Saturday people's choice, dinner out Saturday, door prizes, 50/50, valve cover race on our new track, ladies get-together, Host hotel Days Inn Pensacola Beachfront, 16 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 [www.daysinn.com/hotel/21564](http://www.daysinn.com/hotel/21564), 850 934-3300 or 800 934-3301, mention "Corvair" for special rate of \$69 parking lot, \$89 beachfront.

Contact: June Lindsay

Phone: 850 994-2161

Dates: March 12, 2011

Events: Car & Truck Show in Inverness FL

Hosted by: Nature Coast Corvairs

Description: Show for 1986 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. 28, then \$20.

Contact: NCC, 1490 Druid Rd., Inverness FL 34452

Phone: 352 344-4210

Dates: March 18-19, 2011

Event: Performance Workshop in Indianapolis IN

Hosted by: Performance Corvair Group

Description: A gathering for those who appreciate the performance side of the Corvair. All are welcome to Friday dinner and social time. Saturday will be a full day of tech sessions, performance venters, car displays, lunch, and racing stories. Host hotel Country Inn & Suites, 5630 Flight School Dr., Indianapolis IN 317 821-1100, \$75 rate for Performance Corvair Group. Details at [www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg/index.html](http://www.corvair.org/chapters/pcg/index.html)

Contact: Tom Miller

Phone: 317 504-4624

Dates: April 1-3, 2011

Event: Autocross in Saint Augustine, FL

Hosted by: South East Corvair Council

Description: Enjoy two full days of racing at its best. Specially designed courses by "fast Eddie" Meadows will keep you on the edge of your seat. RV camping allowed on site. Econo Lodge, 888 824-4306, \$55 (free continental breakfast), mention Corvair for discount. Trailer parking at hotel.

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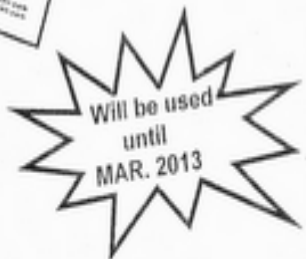
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# Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet

by Chuck Hanson Photos by Betsy Senn

There were 5 Ultra vans at the 33rd annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, hosted by the San Diego Corvair Club, in Palm Springs on Halloween. It was at this very event 3 years ago my lovely wife Cyndie decided that "the Ultra Van people are all so nice, maybe we should get one?" Within minutes I was getting names, phone numbers and prices, and you know the rest.

Jeff Williams brought a load of California Corvair parts in 227, Larry and Rosie Forman were there in 545 from Sacramento,, Eric Kirven brought the 345 from Long Beach, Betsy and Leo Senn were there in flames with 293 from Kingman, AZ, and Chuck and Cyndie Hanson brought the 460 from Mesquite, NV. Christy Barden was there, full of questions, compliments and advice, and Jim and Marlene Craig camped out on the grounds in their SOB with the rest of the Ultras for the 3 day event. A fine time was had by all, as we enjoyed the games, swap meet bargains and about 60 beautiful Corvairs and their owners, who all seemed to enjoy the display of the Biggest Corvairs.

Now, it seems that Cyndie has fallen for the early convertibles, which means, of course, that she will have one. (Any leads???)



Chuck & Cyndie's Ultra Van 460 - The Whale  
The Best Ultra Van Award  
at the GWFBT&SM in Palm Springs - October 2010



## Ultra Class Ads:



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

### 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:

Parts scrapped out from #365 - 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.**

### For Sale: Reprinted Ryerson Ultra Van Manual

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Make check to: Jim Craig.  
Mail to 7011 Sunny Vista Rd., Joshua Tree, CA. 92252



### From Norm Helmkey:

**Somebody stole our name. Here is a 1979 Delta Ultra Van. It is made on a Chevrolet van chassis. I could not find any history, but apparently it was made in the 70s and the last one was built in 1980.**

