



Among the leaves, Doug and Nancy Pratt show off their newly painted Ultra Van #373. The eyelashes do her proud!!! Also, they have it made in the shade (their new awning). Their home is in Columbia Crossroads, Pennsylvania, but they are really great travelers. While Doug is an Eastern Director, Nancy is the Eastern properties person.

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A Special Note from Your Editor.....

Greetings All! Having just returned from the Eastern Ultra Van Rally at Pensacola, FL, I am busy doing laundry and catching up. Ed and June Lindsay gave us a fantastic time there at the Blue Angels Recreation Area. We enjoyed the National Museum of Naval Aviation tour and the delicious barbeque. If you ever have a chance to visit, please do!

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

Boy, did we have a long cold winter up here in Michigan this year. We had been looking forward to going South for the Eastern Spring Ultra Van Rally in FL. this year. That wasn't meant to be due to health issues. When I realized that wasn't going to happen.

I turned my time to installing disc brakes on the front of the Ultra. This turned out to be a very time consuming job. Still looking for SS brake hoses. We are looking to getting to the National Rally in Kansas this fall if the Good Lord is willing. I heard that there was a pretty good turn out for the FL. rally.

We missed not being there and seeing our Ultra friends. If any of you get our way this year we have room to park you for a few days so that you can rest up and visit a while. Thanks to Ed and June Lindsey for all the work that they put in on the rally and all the others that helped out. I hear the West Florida Corvair Club put on a great barbeque and was enjoyed by all.



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



CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dates:	July 26-30, 2011
Event:	CORSA International Convention in Denver CO
Hosted by:	Rocky Mountain CORSA
Description:	Host hotel is Doubletree Denver Tech Center, 7801 E. Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village CO 80111, 303/779-6161 or www.denvertch.doubletree.com . 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 for questions. Please make offer.**



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#2019 Tiara 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**



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We returned from our fourth Spring UV rally, happy and pleased. Yes, bought our Ultra and attended 2008 rally even before we got #481 home. Altho our dreams of camping with it that summer never materialized...even yet...we are happy to be Ultra Club members. Dollie and I enjoyed the entire 2011 Spring meet in every way... Well, except the part where I slipped and fell on the firepit rocks and got a boobo on my arm. The Navy airplane museum and BBQ cookout were both outstanding! We were in the area on Tuesday and got to watch the Blue Angels practice over the McD's where we ate breakfast. Not being a member of armed forces, we worried about getting in and how we'd be treated. Found out we actually could have entered even before the scheduled time and found everyone was extra friendly, no matter how they served their Country. I offered to join the Navy if we could camp there more often. They will let me know. Thanks every one who made this such a great meet. **Dollie and Dennis Sharp, Chiefland, FL #481**

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 Foulweather, 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 or 360-734-3953). If unable to bring your Ultra Van, trailers/5th wheels, etc. are welcome. Both cities have hotel/motel accommodations within walking distance of RV Sites.

**CORRECTION ON NATIONAL RALLY!!!!!!!!!!
NEW DATE!!!!**

**“2011 Ultra Van National Rally”
at Dodge City, Kansas
September 13 – September 17, 2011**



This event will be hosted by:



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



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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

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:

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. **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 or telephone: (417) 725-8088.

For Sale: Reprinted Ryerson Ultra Van Manual

I now have the Ryerson Ultra Van Service/Repair manual and a CD version of it available.
Prices: Manual only \$50.ea. (Mailed in USA.)
Manual only \$70.ea. (Mailed to Canada.)
CD only \$17. (Mailed in USA.)
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Make check to: Jim Craig.
Mail to 7011 Sunny Vista Rd., Joshua Tree, CA. 92252



Macaroni and Cheese Deluxe (Recipe from Tom Dudak, (West Florida Corvair Club member))

- 1) box 8oz. Barilla elbows
- 1cup Mayonnaise
- 1 small jar pimentos
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, then fill with milk
- 1 pound mild cheddar cheese
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- 1 bag cheetos cheese puffs

Finely chop onion, boil macaroni elbows, drain, add can of mushrooms, crush cheese puffs until they are finely crushed. Combine all ingredients except cheese puffs, put in baking pan, cover with cheese puffs, bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes then serve. **Compliments of my wife.**

BEAU'S SHOP TALES 2011

By Jim Davis

Beau went into the shop very early, tenth of December, in order to allow time for the suspension up grade to a fully automatic Air Ride system by Ride Tech. Previous upgrades and modification to the front and rear suspension hopefully would make the conversion easy. I had planed to mount the Air Pod control system in the right front wheel well. I had measured it several times and thought it would just fit. Not so. It is too tall and too wide. I removed the three gallon air tank and was able to cut the Air Pod mounting board down from its original 12" width to 10". I was able to mount control board and clear the right bellcrank and upper "A" arm.

The next project was to run the control cables and air lines for the rear suspension along the left wall behind the book case. The two 3/4" PVC chases were full so I ended up running another 1" PVC chase in the wall and pulling the two cables and airline through it. The control cables are all 20" long so I had to cut the front cables to fit and used the extra cable from the shortening of the front to lengthen the rear. The splices were soldered and covered with shrink fit tubing. I had ordered a 75' coil of air line so there was plenty to make non-spliced runs.

Next problem was where to put the air tank. It is 8" tall and 20.5" long. Temporarily it is housed in the book case. The control unit was placed high in the center of the coffee bar surround. It is connected by a USB cable to the E3 computer so the control unit was easily installed with Velcro. Amazingly it all worked perfectly the first time.

Initial impression is the ride is much more controlled even with the shocks adjustable control set at the midpoint. There is no wander or walk. Side benefits are the low step-in height when parked, 7", No bouncing on springs when some one is walking around in the coach when parked. Ability to right the coach when parked on an uneven spot.

With the news that Chuck Hanson has successively installed 245/45-17 tires on his UltraVan #460, I decided to do the same. The Yokohama's are the same diameter as my old Kumho 225/60-15's, an inch wider and have a max load rating of 200 lbs more. Hopefully the smaller sidewall will help with the coach's sway (not that it has much now).



John Alabaster sent this picture proudly showing his wife, Jan with their Ultra Van #342 at Anza Borrego State Park in California.



Eastern Ultra Van Rally at Pensacola

by Brenda Standal

What a beautiful site we had while enjoying the Eastern Ultra Van Rally at The Blue Angel Recreation Park. A fantastic view was seen from our coach of Perdido Bay. Our hosts Ed and June Lindsey did a wonderful job of planning this rally. We started out with a Build Your Own Burrito or Taco Salad. What a start! No one went away hungry and then we had door prizes!

The next morning bright and early after breakfast, the Ultras caravanned to the Naval Air Museum. What a place and we had our own personal tour guide who showed us and told us about the museum and all that it contained. He finished at lunchtime and most of us opted for the Cubi Point Restaurant. We finished with a flight line tour. The story most remembered by yours truly is about the man who served on the Enterprise then retired and started Enterprise Car Rental and we all know how that business took off.



Enterprise Car Rental and we all know how that business took off.

Upon returning, we all prepared for our first potluck. Yes, MORE eating!! And such delicious food with more door prizes. The evening ended with conversation among all those who opted to stay later.

Friday started with the usual coffee and our Eastern meeting in the morning. Then we were free to cook for our next potluck or whatever. MORE eating!!!! And very very good food. Prizes were given once again. A campfire was built and everyone sat around telling their stories.

The Western Florida Corvair Club participated in our rally by giving us one of the best barbeques that I have ever had. A fellow by the name of Karl was the expert barbeque-er and he really knew what he was doing. Eating time was 1:30 pm and we all were ready and waiting with our plates. The Corvair Club furnished everything!!!! What a feast!!!



After the big meal was our coach hopping and then our Yankee Swap. Most of us were too full to even think about eating. The next morning was a Make Your Own Pancakes which was a lot of fun and then we all began to say our goodbyes. And again a big thanks and a big hand for Ed and June Lindsey. It was good to see all the familiar faces. Those attending were Walt Davison, Ron and Martha Zoutendam, Ed and June Lindsey, Dennis and Dollie Sharp, Nancy and Doug Pratt, Cliff and Sandy Swick, Jim and Roy Davis, Jerry and MaryLou Kramer, Norm and Brenda Standal and members of the West Florida Corvair Club.

TECH TIP NUMBER: 2010-03
UV MANUAL SECTION: 11-12

Subject: Brake Parts Sources
Author: Jim Davis #388

Here are my recommendations for brake parts and pieces for a Hutchinson built Ultra Van.

FRONT: All use 1965-1970 Chevy II (Nova) parts.

From Summit Racing 1-800-230-3030:

Brake flex hose: Russell 33" (-3AN to -3AN) (2 each)	RUS-656090	\$21.95
Fitting: Fragola-3AN to female 3/8"-24 (2 each)	FRA-650501	\$6.95
Fitting: Fargola -3AN to male 7/16"-20 (2 each)	FRA-650303	\$4.95
Wheel cylinder right: Dorman	DHB-W5996	\$15.95
Wheel cylinder left: Dorman	DBH-W5995	\$15.95
Brake hardware right: Dorman (includes auto brake adj)	DBH-W2533	\$15.95
Brake hardware left: Dorman (includes auto brake adj)	DBH-W2532	\$15.95
Shoes - Bendix #246 (2 each pair)	BEN-246	\$32.95
Drum: Bendix (9.5x2.5") (2 each)	BEN-140059	\$29.95

REAR: All use 1965-1969 Corvair Parts

From Summit Racing:

Brake flex hose: Earl's 12" (-3AN to -3AN) (2 each)	ERL-EAR-63010112	\$9.88
Fitting: Fragola -3AN to female 3/8"-24 (4 each)	FRA-650501	\$6.95
See Clark's Corvair parts for wheel cylinders	C894/5	\$22.30
Brake hardware: Same as the front		
Shoes - Bendix #246 (2 each pair)	BEN-246	\$32.95
Drum: Bendix (9.5x2.5") (2 each)	BEN-140059	\$29.95

NOTE: Some parts may be found at other parts suppliers such as NAPA, Auto Zone, Advance Auto. The brake parts kit is different for 2" wide brake shoes as opposed to 2.5 inch wide brake shoes (the nails are longer). Check the brake shoes that go on the rear for the slots for the emergency brake. Many sets of remanufactured shoes do not have the slots.

Recommended high performance brake parts.:

Brake shoes: Porterfield Racing Brake Pads compound R4-S 1-949-548-4470	\$99.00 per axle set
Brake spring set: Praise Dyno Brakes - Heavy Trick Spring Kit (31 lb springs verses 13 lb for Dorman) 1-877-606-7867	\$16.90
Brake Drums, cryogenic cooled, composite cast finned: Praise Dyno Brakes 1-877-606-7867	\$120 each

Residual Pressure Valves: (10 psi for drum brakes) (2 each) (2 psi for Drums)
 WIL-260-3278 \$19.95
 Stainless Steel brake line, bulk: (3/16"x20') (no fittings) SUM-220236 \$39.95

Available from Jeg's High Performance 1-800-345-4545

Stainless Steel 3/16" brake hard lines of various lengths for 8" to 72" flared with fittings.
 \$9.00 to \$27.00 each.

NOTE: If you want to maintain the current brake feel when changing to a Drum-Drum dual circuit master cylinder (MS), any GM MS from the small car (Corvaair, Nova, Chevelle, Skylark, F-85, Cutlass) 1967-1972 will work. It has a one 1" diameter piston. If you have disk fronts or rears, you should use the MS from the same cars but for a Disk-Drum setup. It has a 1.125" diameter piston and a larger fluid reservoir (Disk brakes require a larger fluid volume than drum brakes.) If you wish to have more line pressure with disk brakes, the 1970 Corvette MS has a 1" diameter piston and the larger reservoir, but be advised the brake pedal will move further toward the floor than with the 1.125" piston MS. The rear Corvaair drum brake, wheel cylinders, which are 15/16" in diameter, may be reamed to one inch to apply greater force to the brake shoes. This gives a 14% more force to the rear shoes. Use the pistons and cups from the rear wheel cylinder of a Corvaair FC (Rampside, Greenbrier).



ULTRA SPRING 2011 RALLY - PART 2 by Nancy Pratt

Oh, the joys of owning a 43 year old camper!! First, while in Jacksonville, we had problems trying to diagnose and then repair a bad coil that had rubbed a hole in the bottom, which leaked out the oil in it. Had much appreciated help from our traveling friend, Cliff Swick, plus help from CORSA member Larry Schmuhl. Then when we hit south Florida, we began to have starter problems. We limped along with the problem until 30 miles from the spring rally in Pensacola. We had hoped that Howard Boso could help us there but as it turned out, they also had problems of their own and weren't able to get to the rally from Arizona. Cliff had to pull us with their Phoenix Cruiser camper in a Target parking lot to get us started and we made it to the rally. The tech session for the men was finding out that we had a broken nose on the starter and replacing it with Doug's spare one and finding bad teeth on the torque converter. After replacing the broken nose on the starter, we kept our fingers crossed and at the very end of the rally, started it up and we were able to drive the Ultra to the Lindsay's house. We were so very grateful to Ed & June Lindsay, our rally hosts, for offering their home for the repair work to be done and having the spare rebuilt starter and torque converter. We are also extremely grateful to Ultra friends, Jerry & Marylou Kramer, and our traveling friends, Cliff & Sandy Swick, for



coming along so the men could help with the major engine repair. And how all those men did work! Being a woman who does NOT work on engines, I was quite disappointed to hear that to replace a torque converter, the entire engine has to be dropped and taken apart. So the engine was dropped, repairs were made, and the engine was mostly put back in place all on Sunday. In fact, they did 90% of the work Sunday afternoon/evening and then stopped and wiped their greasy hands for a rerun of the great BBQ we had at the rally. We are so very grateful to the Lindsays, Kramers and Swicks for helping us to get rolling again. Monday morning Norm & Brenda Standal even came by to join us for "Part 2" of the rally. Yes, the repairs got us all the way to Baltimore in time to see a high school play on March 31st. As soon as the snow isn't in the forecast, we'll head the rest of the way home to northern PA. As someone put it, the Ultra is part of the family and when it gets sick, you just have to love it back to good health!

