



One of our members, Christy Barden, of Nevada City, CA, had a barn warming in June. This Ultra Van picture shows Christy's #228 and Larry Forman's #545

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We would like to give a big GET WELL to Chuck Hanson and Betsy Senn after their hospital stay and surgery. It is not a fun time, but we all wish each of you the best while recovering.

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A big hearty welcome to our new Western Merchandiser Chairman, Patty Mello,  
and many many thanks for volunteering



## PREZ SEZ

It has been a hot and dry summer in most of our country this year.

We hope that they will be able to get the fires out in Colorado under control and that the campground where our rally is to be held will survive all of this.

Kaye and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the rally in Colorado.

We are trying something different this year because of all that has been happening in our lives, we will be driving a car out and staying in one of the RV's at the campground.

After 36 years of traveling in our Ultra, this will be kind of strange. We are not sure how this will work out.

We appreciate all of you fellow Ultra Van people for the work that you do to keep the Club active.

Thanks to all you.

Ultra friends  
Clyde & Kaye Stanton

### Passing of a Friend

By Jim & Marlene Craig

Theresa Vandersteeg, (Orig. #331) Passed on Thursday April 26, 2012. No details as to cause, but she was in poor health for the last few years. She was 93. Only family services will be done.

Theresa was an outstanding friend to all that met and knew her as a Ultra Van member. She and husband Bill lived in the Sun City, AZ. for many years. Bill was one of a few Ultra Van club members that did a major engine conversion on their Ultra Van. ( About mid 1980's.) After Bill's passing Theresa drove it to many Ultra Club events, traveling with other club members. She was most known for her ability to feed the multitude of folks traveling with her or in her campsite. She always had more food than 12 people could eat. If you were fortunate enough to be a guest in her home, she was the hostess extraordinary. If it was Saturday while you were there, you had to go Garage shopping with her. On Friday evening she would lay out the route and garages she planned to stop at. It was great fun and real experience to be around her, anytime. She also had a really good sense of humor and enjoyed a good joke. Prior to moving from Sun City to Indiana she passed her Ultra Van to her daughter and son-in-law, Joan & Jerry Marinello, Valparaiso, IN.

Yes, she was one of the "old timers" in the club, but she was very young at heart.

All of us "old timers" will not forget her.

Cards can be sent to the following; Mrs. Joan Marinello ( Daughter.) 367 Wilshire Court, Valparaiso, IN. 46385

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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## Message from your Treasurer:

### 2013 and Beyond Dues.

The majority of your UVMCC dues revolve around the printing and distributing of the WOW. Your Board has therefore decided on a two tier system of dues. If you agree to receive the WOW by e-mail only, your dues are \$5.00 per year. If you require a hard copy, your dues will be \$15.00 per year. If you have prepaid for 2013 and beyond at \$10.00 per year, no changes will be made for these prepaid years. If you decide that an e-mail copy of the WOW is the way to go be sure you have a valid e-mail address on file.

Lew Young

Roy Davis has designed the 2012 UVMCC Rally T-Shirts. Theme is ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH. The T-shirts are being made for JUST the members who **order in advance**. There will be no extras. Price is \$15.00 payable at the rally. To order call or e-mail Roy Davis, [270-435-4572/jld@wk.net](mailto:jld@wk.net) or Lew Young, [209-823-6293/sly111@comcast.net](mailto:209-823-6293/sly111@comcast.net)



The National Rally is being held in Colorado Spring, CO at the Mountindale Campground from Sept. 17-20. For reservations call (719)576-0619 and be sure to mention Ultra Van Motor Coach Club. Your hosts are Larry Forman, Rosie Walker, Shelley & Lew Young. At the time this newsletter is printed we have confirmed reservations for 23 people. I hope many more will attend.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a rough schedule of events for the Rally. Sufficient transportation will be available for all trips so no one will have to drive their UV once it is parked..

Bring warm clothing. During late Sept. the average high temperature in Colorado Springs is 77F and the average low is 44F. In addition, a train trip is planned which goes to an altitude of 14,000 Ft.

Order Rally t-shirts as soon as possible from Roy Davis (270)435-4572 or e-mail [jld@wk.net](mailto:jld@wk.net) T-shirts are being made for only those who order them. No extras at the rally.

See you in Colorado Springs, Lew

## Corsa Event

July 25-28, 2012

Hosted by:

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| <b>Thursday</b> | 1-5pm   | <b>Registration and Welcome</b>                                                         |
|                 | 6-8pm   | <b>BBQ dinner sponsored by your Hosts</b>                                               |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 8-9am   | <b>Hosted Breakfast</b> (any volunteers?)                                               |
|                 | 10:00am | <b>Oregon Garden Tour</b>                                                               |
|                 | 6:00pm  | <b>Pot Luck Dinner and Yankee Swap Meet/Meeting</b>                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 8:30 am | <b>Breakfast by Hosts</b>                                                               |
|                 | 9:30am  | <b>Brooks Powerland Museum Tour</b>                                                     |
|                 |         | Cars, trucks, steam and International Harvester Weekend with working equipment on site! |
|                 | Or:     | <b>Woodburn Outlet Mall</b> (Meg & Patty will taxi up and back)                         |
|                 | Or:     | <b><u>An Open Day for Fun Excursions:</u></b>                                           |
|                 |         | <b>Evergreen Air Museum</b> (map with flier provided)                                   |
|                 |         | <b>Willamette Vineyards</b> (map with flier provided)                                   |
|                 | 4-5 pm  | <b>Tech Session</b> (looking for a volunteer)                                           |
|                 | 6pm     | No host dinner at <b>The Guest House Restaurant</b>                                     |
|                 |         |                                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 8:30am  | No Host breakfast at <b>Pancake House</b>                                               |
|                 | 1-4pm   | <b>Ultra Van Open House</b>                                                             |
|                 |         | RV park guests and clubs will be invited to tour our coaches                            |
|                 | 5pm     | Subway Sandwich                                                                         |
|                 | 6pm     | Movie Night                                                                             |
| <b>Monday</b>   | 8:30am  | Good bye Breakfast                                                                      |
|                 |         | Break camp and Happy Trails                                                             |
|                 |         | Covered Bridge Tour Caravan South East of Salem                                         |

**Co Hosted by: Doug & Meg Bell and Jerry & Patty Mello  
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## UVMCC National Rally

Mountaindale Cabins & RV Resort

2000 Barrett Rd.

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719-576-0619

[www.campground1.com](http://www.campground1.com)

**WHERE:** Mountaindale Cabins & RV Park, 2000 Barrett Rd., Colorado Springs, CO (719) 576-0619

**WHEN:** Arrive Sept.17th. Depart Sept. 22nd.

The following is the 2012 Rally t-shirt information.

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### Schedule of events

- Monday, Sept. 17. Arrive and set-up  
5:30 PM Dinner furnished by Hosts at the Clubhouse
- Tuesday, Sept. 18. 8:00 AM Coffee ready and announcements. Clubhouse  
8:30 AM Breakfast furnished by Rosie and Larry.  
9:30 AM Tour of Air Force Academy. Tour guide, Jim Davis. Free.  
Dinner on your own.  
6:00 PM Desert bingo. Clubhouse
- Wednesday, Sept. 19 8:00 AM Coffee and goodies. Clubhouse  
11:00 AM-3:30 PM Manitou Springs Cog Railroad trip to summit of Pikes Peak.\*  
Dinner on your own.  
6:00 PM Yankee Swap. Clubhouse.
- Thursday, Sept. 20 8:00 AM Coffee and goodies. Clubhouse.  
9:30 AM-11:30 AM Tech Session. Jim Davis. Clubhouse.  
12:30 PM-3:00 PM Tour of Garden of the Gods. Free.  
Dinner on your own.  
6:00 PM Desert Bingo. Clubhouse.
- Friday, Sept. 21 8:00 AM Coffee and goodies. Clubhouse.  
9:00-9:30 AM Board meeting. Clubhouse  
9:45 PM East-West meetings.  
10:00 AM General membership meeting. Clubhouse  
Installation of officers.  
5:00-10:00 PM Banquet and entertainment at the Flying W Ranch.

Saturday, Sept. 22 8:00 AM Coffee, goodies and farewells.

\*Cog Railway is \$29.00 per person and travel up to 1400 ft. in altitude. If you have breathing or heart problems DO NOT take this trip. For group reservation purposes, let Lew Young know if you will be taking the trip. 209-639-6293 or [sly111@comcast.net](mailto:sly111@comcast.net)

This schedule is subject to change and probably will be until the Rally is over!!

## 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. Ultra Van #232 has been relocated to the property of Chuck Hanson in Mesquite, Nevada. Chuck is our current Western Ultra Van Club Board Member. He intends to do some upgrades and improvements on Ultra Van #232. His cell phone number: (702) 346-1688. We can thank Chuck for saving another Ultra from the graveyard.



**Darrell Woofter contact at 417-725-8088 or email me at [woofcorvair@aol.com](mailto:woofcorvair@aol.com) for questions. Please make offer.**

## Ultra Class Ads:

**WANTED to buy:** The brown plastic trim strip that goes across the top of the refrigerator door on a Dometic RM 360 gas electric, this wording is in gold writing.

One cast aluminum Ultra Van, Hutchinson, Kans. name plate and one plastic or aluminum Ultra Coach nameplate. **Contact: John Howell, 1875 Grubb Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37771 , [UV417@0306.org](mailto:UV417@0306.org). (865) 986-8898**

**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.**

**WANTED:** Searching for the following items or parts for upgrading my 1968 Ultra Van #358.

- (1) Schematic drawings and information on the entire wiring on the Ultra Van. Any hints and suggestions for installing new wiring would be appreciated.
- (2) Used, great- conditioned Wilsonite Formica Cherry-wood Paneling
- (3) Suggestions, drawings, etc. for building the Speedometer and Instrumental Dash and PG lever.

**Please contact Darrell Woofter - (417) 725-8088 or [woofcorvair@aol.com](mailto:woofcorvair@aol.com)**

**FOR SALE:** A compilation of all Ultra Van Technical Tips and Technical Articles from 1966 to 2012 on a CD. This supplement to the Ryerson Manual is fully searchable by word or subject and is indexed to the Ryerson Manual. The CD is in Portable Document Form so it loads on any computer that a PDF reader installed. Cost is \$15 including shipping to CONUS addresses and \$25 to other addresses.

James Davis  
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A few T-shirts from past rallies @ \$5.00  
Booklet "From Covered Wagon to Ultra Van" \$5.00  
½ " X 4 ½ " Stitched patches w/ Ultra on US map & flag \$3.00  
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**TECH TIP NUMBER: 2012-04**  
**UV MANUAL SECTION: 07-04**

**SUBJECT : Propane Tank refurbishing**  
**AUTHOR : Glen Lemke #247**

Currently there is no manufacture of ASME RV propane tanks which fit into the Ultra Van propane tank compartment. The only alternative is to have your current ASME tank refurbished. The following company refurbished the old tank for Glen:

Aero Energy  
230 Lincolnway East  
New Oxford, Pennsylvania 17350  
Ph 717-624-4311 /1-866-428-1474  
Attn: Mr. Jim O'Brien Jr.

Aero Energy will refurbish the 40# tanks for \$150.00 plus \$9.00 tax Unless he needs to replace the gauge which can run between \$40.00 to \$60.00 additional. Shipping from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania \$116.00 round trip for a total cost of \$275.00.

**TECH TIP NUMBER: 2012-05**  
**UV MANUAL SECTION: 15-12**

**SUBJECT : LED Taillight Source**  
**AUTHOR : John Howell #417/489**

**LED** bulbs operate much cooler and won't burn the lens cover like incandescent bulbs will do. LEDs use 90% less amperage than incandescent bulbs so they won't overload our old wiring in the coaches. They give off much more light than the equivalent incandescent bulb. LEDs have a life span of 60,000 hrs., meaning that you will probably never have to change them again as long as you own your Ultra Van.

I have been buying them from a company called StarLights that makes the LEDs with bases that will fit the standard sockets used in the Ultra Van. They have a LED bulb that will replace the dome light in a Corvair Coupe.

You can check them out at [www.starlightsinc.com](http://www.starlightsinc.com) or order a catalog at: StarLights Inc., P. O. Box 80246, Goleta, CA 93118

**TECH TIP NUMBER: 2012-06**  
**UV MANUAL SECTION: 05-19**

**SUBJECT : Tank Repair**  
**AUTHOR : Gary Baxter #544**

A product I found works amazingly well is Evercoat 100815 Maxim panel adhesive. I had to reposition the inlets on the Ultra Van holding tank as part of my engine relocation project.

The tanks had to be switched to run front to back so the drive shafts could go between them and I did not want to have to weld big areas of thin aluminum. Or more precisely ask a friend to do it. I asked the people at the



auto paint store I use in Tulsa what they would suggest and this is it. It comes in a caulking tube and uses a special mixing nozzle. You need a really good gun to use it as it takes some pressure. For small jobs you can also squeeze some out without the nozzle and mix like you would JB weld. It uses a special plug to seal the end of the tube so it will keep if you don't use it all at once, which is unlikely as it goes a long way. It is amazingly strong and is how body shops replace patch panels and door skins now.

Finally, I discovered that the paint store also carries the POR 15 fuel tank sealer in both pints and quarts, for slightly less than Clark's, as well as the POR 15 paint. The holding tank was originally coated inside and after the modifications, needed to be re-coated. The tank sealer, like other POR 15 products cures from moisture and actually should get stronger with water usage. One quart can was more than enough to coat the inside of the tank. It dries to a thin sliver film.

[ED Note: recommend you use closed end pop rivets for all tank patches]

**TECH TIP NUMBER: 2012-07**  
**UV MANUAL SECTION: 13-37**

**SUBJECT : Diff Fluid Filler**  
**AUTHOR : Gary Baxter #544**

It only took 40 years of working on late models for the light to come on. There really is a better way to get at the differential fill plug. As I once again rolled under the car to check the fluid level and tried to find a position where the 5/8" wrench would fit on the plug and clear the suspension, it dawned on me that what I needed was a socket, 6" extension and a ratchet. I knew I didn't have any square sockets large enough, but a 12 point might fit. So after trying a few sizes, I found a 3/4" 12 point socket fits fairly well and made removing the plug simple. A quart differential lube bottle with a long hose allowed me to hold the bottle in the wheel well area above the filler level and I could squeeze it to push the oil out and fill the differential.

[Ed Note: 1965 Corvair diffs come with a dipstick and tube. The differential can be filled through this tube. 1966 diff cases have the boss for a dip stick but are not drilled and tapped. 1965-66 diff cases have a drain plug boss. This can be drilled and tapped for a drain plug. All UltraVan except the very early ones can be retrofitted with either of these diff cases.]



**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

**Lynne McIntosh says:** We are working on getting our UV (#472) to get back on the road...maybe by the time I retire. We'll let you know anything new...thanks for your ongoing efforts. We really appreciate receiving our Newsletter "Whales On Wheels". We call our "whale" PAIKEA...the "Whalerider".

**Ray Fuenzalida says:** Don't really have anything to contribute yet. But #473 was purchased a couple of months ago. She was successfully moved from Crystal River, Florida to Harvey, Louisiana. Haven't had a chance to work on her but intend to do so later this summer. Goal is to have her operational by year end. Gotta love that Corvair power.

# Christy Barden's Barn Warming

By Larry Forman

This June Christy Barden held a "barn warming" for his big yellow barn he had constructed for all his classic cars and other purposes. His "barn warming" was a great success. Christy promised hamburgers and/or hot dogs for the first 100 guests who also brought side dishes to make it even more festive. The "barn" is mammoth and with tables arranged for 100, only half of the barn was filled. He likely had a turnout of around 150 with many bringing their own classic cars.



Rosie and I brought Ultra Van #545 and Christy arranged a spot right next to his colorfully painted Ultra Van. That was the first time I had seen it and what a difference between the two! His is very original and ours is anything but original. We received a lot of favorable comments and enjoyed being there very much. We were able to educate many people on the unique features of the Ultra Vans.



The barn has the capability to be used for many different events and Christy brought in many tons of gravel to make parking work for his rural setting. There was an announcement for a one woman play about Eleanor Roosevelt that will be presented at "the big yellow barn" in August. What a great multi-purpose structure and a wonderful party. Many thanks, Christy.





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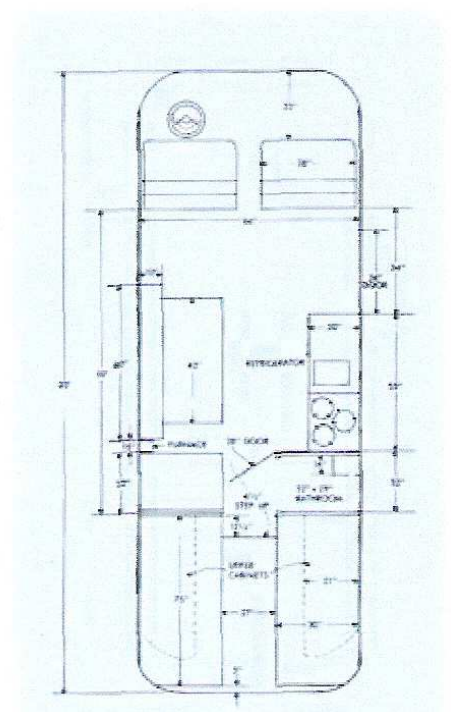
**Nancy Pratt says:** A friend of ours gave us a copy of page 20 in the July 2012 issues of Hemmings Motor News and it's about Ultra Vans! It says "Cyber Cruising - The Ultra Van Page - Lightweight ultra van of the future sets up camp on the web". I went online to see it and send a link but so far they only show the June issue online. To see the July issue, you must be a subscriber (we are not). Maybe you'd like to let everyone know about the article. The coach photo that is featured is courtesy of Ken Wildman and mentions that it is now owned by Lindseys.

## The Ultra Van Page

Lightweight ultra van of the future sets up camp on the web



The 1968 Ultra Van is now owned by Ed and June Lindsey of Pensacola, Florida.



By the way... that mystery question about the fuzzy slippers, I think that Howard and Marsha Boso started that! (You are right!!)