



The Ultra Vans come in many different colors as you can see. These Whales on Wheels belong to Christy Barden on the left and Dave McAlexander on the right, both who reside in California.

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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 Rallies, 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

# PREZ SEZ



Summertime is here. In central CA the season came in cool and rainy, but now we are baking with temps. over 100+. I'm a fair weather person myself. Give me Spring or Fall—love 'em.

Hope everyone has their Ultras up and running and are planning to attend the Ultra Van Convention at Mountain View, AR in September. The location is lovely and the scenery is beautiful. Blue Grass music fills the air. You will be missing a great time with friends unless you attend.

Don't forget to vote. You can bring your ballot to the convention!

Shelley



## News from the Treasurer:

I have created a new email address for the Treasurer it is:

[UVMCC\\_Membership@yahoo.com](mailto:UVMCC_Membership@yahoo.com)

I will be checking it once a week. I am working on being able to use PayPal to pay your dues. Please email any questions about membership there. Even if you receive your newsletter via the US Postal Service please, send me your email address. That is how I would like to send out all dues reminders.

It worked very well this year. I hope next year will be even better. That and it saves the club money

Lastly, I recently found a couple of checks that I thought I had deposited. Your newsletter will still be coming. I will be sending the affected parties their check back with a self addressed stamped envelop so you can send a new check. The Club will not bear any of the costs as it was my mistake.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer..... Regards, Eric Kirven..



## A Special Note from Your Editor.....

Greetings All! I just had a problem with my computer and it crashed. I apologize for any info that has been lost. I try to keep my newsletter items together in one file. I seem to have lost it forever. So if you expect to see something in this issue and don't, you might have to send it to me once again.

Please read the message from your treasurer, Eric Kirven. It is more your newsletter electronically now, so if there some of you out there who now to receive your Whales on Wheels very fast ( It takes 2 seconds to e mail it to and I will take you off of my Snail Mail list. You can e mail me at the address Brenda Standal

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economical to receive have e mail and would like you), please let me know below.

# ***THE 47TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICA UVMCC RALLY***

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***Norm & Brenda Standal***

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***DATES: SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 21, 2013***

**HOST CAMPGROUND:**

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## WESTERN ULTRAVAN RALLY 2014

July 2014 seems far in the future; however with the National CORSA Convention in Tacoma at that time it seems appropriate to accommodate those who want to attend both events. Thus, we have selected a really nice RV Park on Whidbey Island at Deception Pass, July 17-21. It is clean, full hook-ups, great free club-house, nice shower/restrooms, only \$29.89, green grass and a great covered BQ area. There are two log cabins (each sleeps 4 w/bedroom) with all amenities, next to the clubhouse, if you decide not to bring your UV. The park is dog friendly, with miles of walking trails. Although, Whidbey is an island you need not take a ferry. Take Hwy20 off I-5. If you want to spend more money and risk a few bumps you can take the Mukilteo-Clinton Ferry but it will probably take about the same amount of time.

There is much to be seen in this beautiful corner of the US. The park is across the road from Deception Pass State Park, Washington's most popular. Cross the road to Cranberry Lake and beyond that is the bay. There is a corner grocery store and a mile down the road is a small marina where we can take a boat ride. Oak Harbor and the military commissary (for those eligible) are very close. There is a free public transit bus stopping on the corner going to Oak Harbor and beyond. We are planning a "cruise" (ferry ride) to San Juan Island.

Since those going to the CORSA Convention will have a few days in the Tacoma area, we thought we should offer something at a different location, only two hours from the LeMay Museum. After the UV Rally, if you are taking your UV to the CORSA convention you might want to make reservations at the Majestic RV Park, only ten minutes from the museum or RSVP at the MURANO Hotel in Tacoma.

If you are interested in attending the UV Rally please let us know and make reservations through us. If you are interested in the cabins please let us know soon as we have only reserved one of them.

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

Happy Camping!

Gale and Gretchen

John Grey's #222 is making progress.



#480 & Inspection team

## 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. 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.**



**#423 Ultra Van.** This Ultra Van is powered by a 350 c.i.d. Buick V8 engine driving the rear wheels through an Oldsmobile Toronado transmission/transaxle. The radiator for the V8 is mounted on the right rear, behind the mesh grill. Dave Peterson (creator of Ultra Van), did 18 similar conversions using the Olds transaxle setup after the Ultra Van plant shut down. Bill Tanner, the owner of "The Schmoo" for over 41 years, converted #423 using Peterson's design, and put about 65,000 miles on it after the conversion. He parked it in his back yard in Arizona at the end of a trip to New York in 1987, and there it sat until early 2011. Price?.....\$8,555 FOB Taos, NM.....Drive it home!



Seriously for sale contact **Will Panzer at 575-779-8829 or email me at [williampanzerart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:williampanzerart@sbcglobal.net)**

### 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  
312 Butterworth Rd  
Murray, KY 41071

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## CORSA EVENTS

**CORSA International Convention in Kalamazoo MI** Hosted by West Michigan Corvair Club  
 July 16th, 2013 8:00 AM *through* July 20th, 2013 3:00 PM 3600 E Cork Street Ct Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
 International Convention [dykwell@gmail.com](mailto:dykwell@gmail.com)

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### Ultra Van 2013 Western Rally at Bodega Bay

By Larry Forman

Rosie Walker and I hosted the 2013 Western Ultra Van Rally in Bodega Bay. Rosie worked very hard to help create a well-attended rally. She spent countless hours searching for lost Ultra Van owners and contacting them by any means possible. All this work was rewarded with a relatively large number of Ultra Vans attending the rally.

Our biggest concern was the uncertain weather for the Pacific coast. As luck would have it, the weather was about as perfect as it could be for a mid-May rally.



There were 22 attendees for the welcome dinner including some friends and relatives:

Lew and Shelley Young and Lew's sister, Donna, in Lew's 5th wheel trailer; Doug and Meg Bell in UV215; Ron and Linda Mortensen in a Brand X; Jim and Marlene Craig in a 26 ft. Coachman; Gary and Terry Jacobsen in a Brand X; Howard and Marsha Boso (owners of UV 604) in a 34 ft. Fleetwood-Southwind; Rich and Kathy Mello in a 32 Ft. trailer; Dave Carloza (sp?); Larry Forman and Rosie Walker in UV#545; Dale and Gretchen Pfueller in UV#497; Jerry and Patty Mello in UV#333.

Eric Kirven and Christy Barden both in their Ultra Vans arrived later that evening. Carl and Fran Jones unfortunately had some mechanical difficulties and needed to abort the trip.

Others including two more Ultra Vans arrived Friday and we attended the Davis Marine Lab tour that afternoon.

Dave and Chris Bettini, from the Bay area, Lee and Marion Shere, from Hyampom, CA, and Ed and Pamela Gurr, from Smith, NV, all arrived in time for the hosted Fettechini Alfredo dinner Rosie Walker had prepared for everyone.

At dinner we all introduced ourselves and told a little about ourselves and our coaches. Jim Craig gave a fascinating talk about the history of one of the oldest Ultra Vans and how he helped resurrect it. Then we watched the 1953 Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez movie "The Long, Long Trailer."

It was another picture perfect day, bright and sunny with nearly no wind. We found that Phil Trella, UV#395 of South Lake Tahoe, had arrived in the prior evening and was ready to check in today. This is his first UV rally since purchasing and driving UV#395 from New York.

We had two surprise visitors attend: Kathy Temby and her long term significant other, named Les Wilson, who used to work for Dave Peterson and built Ultra Vans! They joined us for our 9 AM continental breakfast and Les explained some of his interesting story.

We had about a sixty mile total length tour up the California coastline, then along the Russian River and along California redwood trees to Korbel Champagne Cellars. We had 15 people for this tour including three Ultra Vans. The Korbel tour included their outside garden, then the historic tour and finally tasting of some of their champagnes. We stopped briefly at a local favorite bread bakery called Wildflour Bread. After that, we were only a few miles from the town of Bodega where Alfred Hitchcock filmed his movie, "The Birds". We stopped for a few minutes to take photos of two buildings in the movie.

We then drove back to the campground arriving at 5:15 PM, allowing just enough time to get ready for dinner at a nearby Mexican Seafood restaurant at 6 PM. As we are just leaving the campground, what should arrive but a brightly colored



Ultra Van? This was another surprise for our Western UV Rally. It was Dave McAlexander and Jodi Taffel from Pasadena in his late V8 powered Ultra Van. We instantly invited them to join us for dinner at the restaurant, which they accepted. Rosie and I were able to have them sit at our dinner table and we had a great conversation as the two V8 Ultra Vanners were able to exchange information. That brought the number of Ultra Vans to a total of ten for this rally. Unfortunately, Carl Jones was not able to make it to our rally due to mechanical troubles en route. Howard and Marsha Boso decided to bring their 34 ft. Fleetwood-Southwind rather than their 600 series Ultra Van.

We gave Dave and Jodi the custom Ultra Van calendar we created for hostess gifts. Also, Rosie had made kitchen tool fabric pouches to help keep kitchen tools from rattling around when traveling.

After the dinner ended, we returned to the RV park club house meeting room for a Yankee Swap, as is Ultra Van tradition. As always, it is great fun.

After Sunday's breakfast Jim Craig presented the first of three tech sessions. He explained how to rivet and repair the aluminum skins. He also told where to purchase tools and supplies for those repairs. Since his presentation was over an hour and he needed to leave soon, it was decided that we would not replace the one aluminum panel we had considered doing.

The next tech session was given by Christy Barden, who showed an Ultra Van hydraulic rear stabilizer. He also mentioned he had four additional stabilizers available for sale.

After lunch we had the coach tours and a poker walk. The results from the coach tour judging was:

Oldest UV running here: UV #215 – Pfueller

Favorite best condition, interior and exterior: UV #228 - Barden

Your favorite interior: UV #497 - Pfueller

Your favorite exterior – UV #228 - Barden

Your favorite most original – UV #490 - Shere

Your favorite most enhanced mechanically – UV #545 - Forman

Your favorite most enhanced interior – UV #545 - Forman

Your favorite personal all around favorite – UV #497 – Pfueller

There was a Poker Walk where the winners of the best and worst poker hands split the money pot.

After the coach tour, Larry Forman presented some carb balancing techniques and how to easily improve the carb cross shaft linkage.

Dinner was a pot luck BBQ. Rosie presented gift baskets after dinner for the results of the coach tour balloting.

Patty Mello showed the You Tube video that had been posted earlier in the morning of the rally and coach tour. The video Kathy Temby created for our rally is on You Tube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keg45rUCVZs>



Jerry Kramer & #434



Eric's Ultra Van 345 - Chuck & Cyndie's Ultra Van 460  
AVI Rally - February 2012

## Beau's Summer Adventure

by Jim Davis

As usual we planned a three week Beau trip with our Grandson, Euan. We had to wait until June 1st as he is a busy eight year old. Sunday was down to Norfolk, VA for a tour of the Navy base and the Battle Ship Wisconsin (BB-64). Interesting but a great deal of the ship is closed to the public. We spent the night at North River GG. A great place with hotel, motel, campground restaurant and marina. Euan's first salt water pool, ever.

First up, in NC was visit to Corolla, NC to let him climb the Currituck Light, see the wild horses, and visit the Whalehead. Unfortunately as Euan and I reached the bottom of the 214 steps in the light's tower, it began to rain, hard. The three of us scampered to Whalehead to wait out the rain, only to find out we were under a flash flood warning. Back to Beau to head south to higher ground. We made it safely to the Refuge on Roanoke Island for a couple nights, stopping by "Awful Arthur's Oyster Bar" for a very late lunch. We found Awful Arthur's first in 1985 and have returned many times since.

Tuesday dawned clear and cool, a perfect day to visit the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island (really nice and set up for kids) and the Wright Brothers Memorial (not so good for kids). We had a fabulous lunch down the road at The Landing in Wanchese and spent a couple hours watching the shrimp boats coming in. Euan spent his third evening in the pool practicing for his upcoming swimming meet in July. Wednesday included Grandad and Euan climbing Body's Light on Bodie island (216 steps) to enjoy the beautiful vistas of Roanoke Sound and Oregon inlet. On to Hatteras Island for lunch at Fish House Restaurant (not so good) in Buxton, and the afternoon was spent climbing Hatteras Light (the big one of 268 steps but a wonderful view). Grandad has sworn off climbing lights for the rest of the trip. We check in to the Cape Woods CG only to find that tropical storm Andrea was due in Friday. I spent my formative years in NC so I know better than to stay when there is a voluntary evacuation. I checked with NC Ferries and we could move up our reservation to 1 pm on Thursday. It is a long way to the Cedar Island Ferry which leaves from the southern tip of Ocracoke Island. The trip includes

another ferry from Hatteras Island to Ocracoke Island across the Hatteras Inlet. The little free ferry was tossed by the chop and only ran aground once in Pamlico Sound. Fortunately, it is was a sand bar so the ferry backed off and veered around the bar. The eight mile trip took one hour and 30 nervous minutes. On Ocracoke Island the NC Highway department was quickly building up a berm of sand between the Atlantic Ocean and NC Highway 12 which is only 3 feet above mean high tide. We made the town of Ocracoke in time to eat at one of the islands institutions - Howard's Pub. Their conch fritters are to die for and drive by the Ocracoke lighthouse. By 1 pm Beau was safely nestled aboard the largest ferry in the NC fleet for the three hour trip to the Cedar Island and the mainland. No one got sea sick.

We arrived about 5 pm at "The Waters Edge Campground" on Bouge Sound. We fished for Blue crabs and caught enough for supper. Euan had a peanut butter sandwich. As we were now a day ahead of schedule and the catamaran ferry to Cape Lookout was off the table because of the weather, I looked for someway to waste a day. Thursday we headed to the Sanitary Fish Market tin Moorehead City for lunch (I first ate there 66 years ago) and then out to the NC Maritime Museum and Watercraft Center in Beaufort. Euan got to plane on a 19 ft skiff they were building so he was excited.

Saturday we moved to the Fort Fisher Recreation Area for six days. Lots of things to do. The NC Aquarium at Ft Fisher. The Fort itself (scene of the largest sea and land battle in the " War of Northern Aggression"; ferry to SouthPort and on to Baldhead Island (a wonderful quaint sea coast village and another light, the oldest in NC - which Granddad refused to climb), Oak Island (a beautiful community that allows no cars on the island - with another great light which Granddad also refused to climb), and the Battle Ship North Carolina (BB-55). There are below and above decks tours which the eight year old wanted to take. After three hours of climbing and descending narrow stairs, Granddad's legs gave out so Gandmom and Grandson finished the main deck and turret tour. Fortunately, they rent golfcarts at Ft Fisher which we could use on the recreational area, so trips to Kure Beach and the Cape Fear River were painless, whichh were good as both Roy and I were running down trying to keep up with Euan. Lack of enthusiasm is not a problem for Euan. So Euan got to see six of the seven great lights of NC . Maybe next year we will get out to the cape lookout light.

The trip back to Charlottesville was uneventful. After a couple days visiting with Euan parents (our son and daughter-in-law), we headed back home, again breaking the trip at Melton Hill Reservoir, near Knoxville, TN. It is a great place just three miles off I-40 and is a TVA campground and rec area - \$22 for water and electricity and \$26 for full hookups on concrete - half price if you have a Golden Age Pass.

Beau's statistics - 2,766 miles (not including 6 ferry rides), 22 days, three quarts of oil and 170.5 gallons of gas averaging \$3.53/gal or 16.22m/g. No Beau problems of any type- ready for Kalamazoo.



## *2013 UVMCC BALLOT*

*Ballot is for both members of a household.*

*Vote for one Vice President:*

Jerry Kramer      \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Bell      \_\_\_\_\_

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Mary Lou Kramer      \_\_\_\_\_

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Eric Kirven      \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ernest Newhouse Award:*

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