



We wish to honor and remember our fellow Ultra Vanner upon his recent passing. Ken Wildman of Ada, Ohio past owner of #338 passed away this summer. He was an active member getting us all acclimated to E Mail. He and his wife, Penny, often attended rallies with their Newfoundland dogs.

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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

On our way home from another excellent rally. Job well done and thank you to our hosts, Roy and Jim Davis & Norm and Brenda Standal.

The officers for 2013/2014 are President: Shelley Young; Vice President: Jerry Kramer; Treasurer: Eric Kirven; Secretary: Mary Lou Kramer; Eastern Directors: Ron Zoutendam 2014, Doug Pratt 2015, & Norm Standal 2016; Western Directors: Cindy Nelson 2014, Jerry Mello 2015, & Chuck Hansen 2016. The Ernest Newhouse Achievement award was presented to Roy Davis. The East and West each have rallies planned next year. Look for announcements in the award winning WOW for times and places for these rallies. Congratulations to Brenda Standal for receiving the CORSA Award for the best newsletter. Brenda does an excellent job and now everyone knows and not just the UVMCC people!

The 2014 National Rally will be in Cody Wyoming. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup> at Ponderosa RV Campground. Go to [CodyPonderosa.com](http://CodyPonderosa.com) to view the site.

Our hosts will Be Doug and Meg Bell and Patty and Jerry Mello.

This may be a little early, but Lew and I wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and the Best to You in 2014.

Shelley.



### News from the Treasurer:

Please complete the form on the bottom of Page 7 and return to me to update all of your membership information. I have created a new email address for the Treasurer it is:

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

Regards, Eric Kirven..



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

Please read the message from your treasurer, Eric Kirven. It is more economical to receive your newsletter electronically now, so if there some of you out there who now have e mail & 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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## **Eastern Ultra Van Rally in March in Florida**

Dates to be announced later

Hosted by Norm and Brenda Standal

## **Western Ultra Van Rally in March in Arizona**

**March 6, 7, 8, 2014**

Hosted by Leo & Betsey Senn

## **Eastern Summer Rally in June in Ohio**

**July 2 – 6, 2014**

Hosted by Jerry & Mary Lou Kramer

## **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

## **2014 Ultra Van National Rally at Cody, Wyoming**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Hosted by Doug & Meg Bell and Jerry & Patty Mello**

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



**#338 (and #407) Ultra Van** – Purchased from Ken Wildman in 2007, drove from Ada, Ohio to Pensacola, Florida. Not entirely without incident, but nothing serious. There have been numerous improvements on #338 since our purchase. Corvair 110 hp engine, generator & roof air conditioner, rack and pinion steering, and others. These are listed on CORSA website: [www.corvair.org/chapters/ultravan/](http://www.corvair.org/chapters/ultravan/)



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**#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: 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.

Contact: John Howell, 1875 Grubb Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37771 [UV417@0306.org](mailto:UV417@0306.org)  
(865) 986-8898.

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  
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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)

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James Davis  
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### 2013 Journey by Norm Standal

Ultra Van #480 also known as "Casper", the Smiling Ultra owned by Bren & Norm Standal left Fort Myers, FL Aug. 28 and arrived at Ft. Recovery, Ohio with a one night stop at John and Betty Howell's in Knoxville, Tn.

We had a wonderful 4 day visit with Mary Lou & Jerry Kramer Ultra Van#434. Highlights were, sightseeing rides in Jerry's plane, visiting the Airstream factory and the bicycle museum, and best of all daily visits to Jerry's exclusive men's club, where you recline in a circle, surrounded by working machine tools of all kinds and discuss how things used to be, now are, and should be.

We then drove to Kaye & Clyde Stanton's in Middleville, Michigan for a great 3 day visit of sightseeing, tree logging, shooting practice on Clyde's private range and enjoying the bountiful harvest of Clyde's garden.

Next we traveled to Franklin, Ind. For a 6 day visit with Brenda's brother and from there to our National Ultra Van Rally at Mountain View, Ark. And then back home. All in all it was an extremely nice journey with Brenda navigating and Norm driving the 4-week 3,589 mile trip.



**Please update your membership information:**

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## ULTRAVAN WEEK RALLY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW by Gary Anderson

(Author's note: There were no other volunteers to write this. Be happy it wasn't you.)

Monday: Our trip to the Mountain View Rally got under way a full day late, but still with adequate time if we kept a tight schedule. After a 27-mile shortcut over winding and hilly secondary roads, one of us, whom shall remain nameless, discovered she had left her medications at home. (OK. Self restraint. Count to 10. No cursing.) Disconnected the popup camper from the car (don't ask where #420 is) & drove back home for the meds. At that point one of us (again, nameless) discovered that he didn't have the house key on the key ring. Oops! There went the moral high ground. After some delay in retrieving a key from the neighbor, we got the meds and started again. Long day. Minnesota (twice). Iowa. Part of Missouri. Eat in car. Spill on pants. Quit at dark.

Tuesday: Decided to approach Mountain View from the northeast on Arkansas Hwy. 9. GPS said 2 hours and 13 minutes to go the remaining 80 miles. That should've been a clue. Great scenery and plenty of time to enjoy it if you weren't driving. Lots of curves marked 20 mph. Arrived to find our co-hosts, the Davis's (#388) and Standals (#480), along with Larry Forman & Rosie Walker ((#545) and the Zoutendams (#375) parked in a cluster 'neath the pines. The Stantons (#392) found a home on the nosebleed level near the hole-in-the-fence that serves as a



back entrance to the Ozark Folk Center. The next level down housed a cluster including the Pratts (#373), the Bosos (Brand X with a Corvair "toad"), and the Porters (#2011) in their Tiara. Further down the mountain we found a home next to the Kramers (#424). (Thumbs up! Good access to the showers.) Owen Strawn (UV# to be announced – don't hold your breath) was at a lower elevation with good drainage. Rick Daley, whose #2004 sits in our driveway, had instructed us to make nice with anybody who showed up in a Tiara, so we went to see the Porters and take pictures for immediate export to Hawaii. Informal gathering in the evening around the hosts' UV cluster. We learned that the Lemkes (#247 under reconstruction) had to turn around due to a health problem.

Wednesday: Coffee & goodies in the am, followed by coach hopping. Great to see what everyone has done with their coach. For us, this was the prime reason for coming. Shelley Young (Madame President) arrived by car, along with the First Husband, Lew, and his sister, Donna. Afternoon devoted to getting supplies, making pies, and more visiting. Evening pot luck dinner in the Pickin' Shed. (Relieved to find that the Pickin' Shed is for stringed instruments, not noses.) Got to meet everybody that we hadn't met before. Got stuffed with excellent stuff, but no wine. Dry county; dryer campground. Wouldn't you know it? Wound up with a pair of wine glasses at the Yankee swap after dinner. In a dry county, could possession of wine glasses be the legal equivalent of possession of drug paraphernalia? Decided not to find out. Stashed 'em in the camper. High point of the evening was a top-heavy Nancy Pratt in a blonde wig, lip-synching Patsy Cline's "I've got these little things; she's got you." Nancy had a blousefull of memorabilia which she produced item-by-item as she sang to Howard Boso, who sat in front of her looking like a deer in the headlights.



Thursday: Coffee & goodies in the Pickin' Shed, followed by a Tech Session under the trees. Jim Davis explained his system for adding another pulley to the parking brake, thereby gaining a great deal more leverage and holding power. The system is simple, cheap to build, and readily crafted by most UV owners. What more could



you want? He promises a Tech Tip will be forthcoming. From there, the session devolved into the exchange of the waste product of male cattle. (No Tech Tips necessary.) Afternoon spent wondering the grounds of the Folk Center, listening to live music and visiting handcrafters' shops. Most everyone attended the evening music show at the Folk Center auditorium. Great entertainment, even if you don't like folk music

Friday: Up at 5 to make caramel rolls for morning coffee & goodies. Rainy day, but a break from the heat. More of that good coach hopping in the morning. The Zoutendams departed in order to make connections for a trip to Finland and Russia. (Am I jealous? Yes.) Some took a bus provided by the RV park to explore the shops downtown. Musicians on the square were pretty much rained out. Larry Forman, whose #545 is the genetic link between Ultra Vans and Tiaras, continued to work on his mule. I took him and Terry Porter shopping. Larry needed gaskets for his carburetor screws and Terry needed vittles. I was disappointed to learn that the hardware store where I had purchased wooden handles for a walking plow about twenty years ago no longer stocks them. Things are getting modern around here. Those who were up for two days of folk music in a row went to Arkansas State Fiddling Championships at the Folk Center. By all accounts they had a great time. We took the opportunity to go to bed early.

Saturday: THE BIG DAY. Morning coffee & goodies. Gorgeous weather. Sunny, cooler, less humidity. We learned that Glenn Lemke spent a few days under observation in the hospital, but is fine, so a collective sigh of relief. Silent auction winners paid up and collected their UV/Corvair parts. Larry Forman got the turn signal unit he needed, I got some gauges and a gasket, and Jerry Kramer got some valve cover gaskets. The previous owners got some storage space, a little cash, and the knowledge that the parts would be useful to the new owners. Following the board of directors meeting, and UVMCC East & West division meetings, there was a general membership meeting (details found elsewhere in the WOW). The Bozos left after the meetings. Done before noon, with the rest of the afternoon free to visit, go downtown, up to the folk center, or stay home and prepare to depart. In late afternoon we were taken by coach to the Skillet Restaurant at the Folk Center for the banquet buffet. The Skillet offers regional foods like fried chicken, fried potatoes, fried okra, fried hush puppies, fried pie, fried green salad..... (Well, maybe not fried salad.) It was all very good. Honest. And then there was dessert - even better. During the sugar high, Roy Davis was honored with the UVMCC's highest honor, the Earnest Newhouse award for sustained outstanding service to the club. Let's hear it for Roy! That was followed by presentation of the CORSA award for best chapter newsletter, awarded to our editor, Brenda Standal. The award had been announced at the CORSA convention in July, but was kept a secret from Brenda. Absolute first-rate job, Brenda. Then, on to the Saturday evening concert at the Folk Center auditorium. We all had a great time, especially when the audience was invited to join the band on stage and dance a jig. One of our number, whom now wishes to remain anonymous, did a very credible job of showing us how it is done. After the show, Terry, Olga and I went downtown to listen to musicians on the square. Great fun.

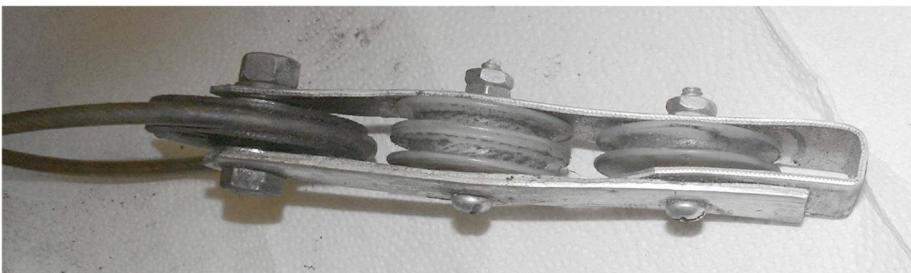
Sunday: Early coffee & leftover goodies, fond farewells, and departures. Some later than others. (We weren't last. It was the Pratts.) It was soul stirring to hear all that Corvair (and Oldsmobile) power. For more details of the rally, see Owen's contemporaneous postings on the Yahoo website.

My petite wife has always had trouble pulling up on the parking brake handle enough to keep the coach from rolling. Rather than redesigning the whole thing, there had to be a better way to increase the pull on the brake cable without modifying the handle and cable assembly. We have an Ultra Light airport across the road so, one day I was helping string a new control cable when the idea came to me.

Using some scrap 0.80" thick aluminum made a carrier for three 1.25" poly plastic control cable pulleys purchased from Wicks Aircraft Supply. On the closed end of the carrier, I mounted one pulley on a #10-32 machine screw. In the center, I stacked two pulleys with a couple steel #10 washers separating them on another #10-12 machine screw. At the open end of the carrier, I used the original 1.5" pulley.

A 16" long piece of 1/4" cable was threaded through the rear 1.5" pulley and attached to the brake cable, connecting the rear brakes, using cable clamps. There is where the adjustment is critical. You should have just enough slack so the brakes don't drag. Remember, the brake handle will now move about twice the distance it did before to set the brakes, but you will have twice the pressure on the brake shoes.

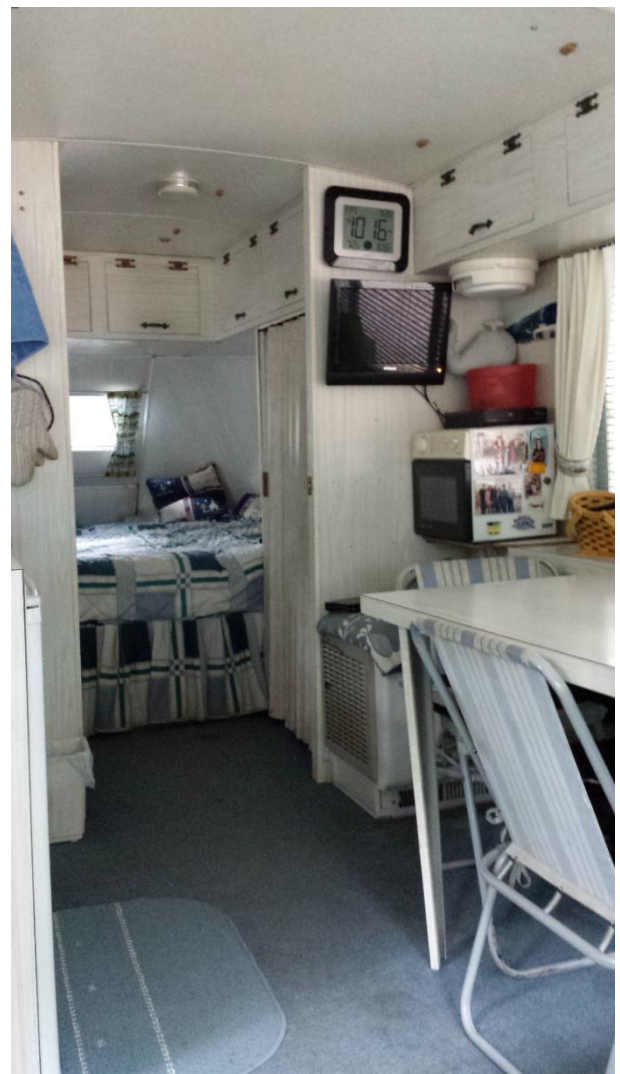
Threading for the cable from the brake handle is as follows: Cable first goes around the lower pulley of the stack of two (middle of three pulleys shown), then around the end single pulley (closest to the front), next around the top middle pulley and finally to the cable anchor on the coach. The back pulley is not necessary but retained incase adjustments were necessary. The cable is wound around the pulleys clockwise when viewed from the bottom.





## The Inside Story

Below is the interior of Coach #373 belonging to Doug and Nancy Pratt. What a beautiful job of decorating!





## The Inside Story

You are viewing the interior of Coach #460 owned by Chuck and Cyndy Hansen. Another great job of decorating!

