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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
JANUARY 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WISHING THE BEST FOR EVERYONE IN 2014.

WHILE YOU ARE PLANNING VACATIONS AND TRIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR, DON'T FORGET ALL THE EAST/WEST COAST RALLIES THAT ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE YEAR. ACTIVITIES START IN MARCH WITH BOTH EAST AND WEST HAVING RALLIES. THERE IS ALSO A RALLY PLANNED FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE CORSA CONVENTION IN JULY. THIS RALLY WILL BE HELD ON WHIDBY ISLAND—A WONDERFUL PLACE. SEPTEMBER IS OUR NATIONAL RALLY WHICH WILL BE IN WYOMING. LOOK FOR DETAILS OF ALL OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE WOW.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN JULY. WE NEED CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ONE DIRECTOR FOR THE EAST AND WEST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOLD AN OFF ICE, LET US KNOW. THE PAY IS GREAT WITH LIBERAL LEAVE TIME---JUST JOKING!! NO PAY.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT ONE OF OUR RALLIES THIS YEAR.

BEST WISHES,

SHELLEY YOUNG



News from the Treasurer:

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

UVMCC_Membership@yahoo.com

Regards, Eric Kirven..



A Special Note from Your Editor.....

Please excuse the slight delay of this newsletter. The editor had an unplanned hospital stay. 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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Rally at AVI Casino in Laughlin, NV
AVI CASINO ULTRA VAN RALLY
at the AVI's KOA RV PARK

6th – 8th March, 2014

(arrive Thursday - depart Sunday)

Make Reservations with Linda KOA 1-800-562-4142
Mention Betsy/Ultra Van to park together near Golf Course

Please bring something for the Yankee Swap
And please contribute to the Dessert Potluck!

AVI 1-866-463-6284 www.avicasino.com
rsvp Betsy sennasylum@npgcable.com



Eastern Ultra Van Rally in March in Florida

March 24th through March 27, 2014
Hosted by Norm and Brenda Standal
239-656-3075



**Manatee Hammock Campground
7275 South U S Highway 1
Titusville, FL 32780**

**Phone: 321-264-5083
Fax: 321-264-6468**

Call for Reservations. Please mention the Ultra Van group or Brenda Standal

<http://www.brevardcounty.us/ParksRecreation/Campgrounds/ManateeHammock>

Eastern (Late Spring) Summer Rally in June

June 2 – 6, 2014

Hosted by Jerry & Mary Lou Kramer

JUNE IN OHIO ULTRA VAN RALLY

Camping at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina, Ohio

Level, shaded area with picnic tables

Full hook-ups (\$30) Water & Electric (\$20)

½ Price to Passport America & Good Sam members

Free dump station NO laundry

TENATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 2 – Arrivals Soup supper provided by hosts

Tuesday, June 3 – Greet old friends, Meet new friends

Tech session with Jim Davis

POT LUCK DINNER

Wednesday, June 4 – Tour of historic Fort Recovery and

Knapke vineyard

Meal at Theinman's Restaurant

Thursday, June 5 – Business Meeting

Bingo and/or shopping in Celina

Catered meal - typical wedding dinner (at campground)

Coach hopping (public invited)

Friday, June 6 – Bicycle Museum of America,

Lunch at Casa Lupita Mexican Restaurant

Tour of Airstream Factory

Saturday, June 7 – Good-byes

Please let The Kramers know if you plan to attend so that we can arrange transportation and reservations. We have reserved spaces at the Fairgrounds – no need to make personal reservations.

419-852-5720-Jerry; 419-852-9380-Mary Lou OR krammary@bright.net

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

Happy Camping!
Gale and Gretchen



2014 Ultra Van National Rally at Cody, Wyoming

September 9th through September 12th, 2014

codyponderosa.com

Hosted by

Doug & Meg Bell – 503 658-2627

and Jerry & Patty Mello – 541 926-2631

Ultra Vans For Sale

#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/



\$9999 Contact Ed Lindsey, Location: Milton, FL Phone: 850-994-2161 email me at: wfcc@mediacombb.net



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

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.)

CD only \$22. (Mailed to Canada.)

CD mailed with manual \$15. (To all.)

Make check to: Eric Kirven.

Mail to: 3585 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807



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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

Tech tips, sets 1 or 2 (\$13 + \$2 shipping each mailed)

Window decals: UVMCC with Ultra \$1.00

Postcards and note cards @ various prices

Various Viton "O" Rings by Safari priced from \$1 - \$9.00

(Plus shipping) Call or e-mail about these items...OR BETTER YET, SHOW UP AT A RALLY!

Available at rallies or by ordering from Nancy Pratt or Patti Mello, Merchandise Chairpersons
570-549-8136 dnpratt@juno.com



Our trip to Arcadia By Norm Standal

Casper (480), Bren, and I had a very unusual last three days of 2013. We belong to the Tin Can Tourists who were invited to rally with about 60 loosely organized, RV converted diesel buses. They call themselves the BusNuts and have met at a specially built municipal RV park at Arcadia, Florida for the last 9 years. These units averaged almost twice the length of our Ultra Van with some three times as long and eight times the weight. Most carry two people just like our Ultra Vans. One petite 60 year old lady with a poodle in her arms visited us in 480 and told us she was a full timer who drove a 38' diesel unit pulling a 20' trailer which was filled with the goods she sold on Ebay, as she traveled all by herself. It felt a little like a fishbowl when the big diesel rigs beside us could look down on our roof, but we had lots of visitors in our little Ultra Van as usual.

TECH TIP NUMBER: 2013-02
UV MANUAL SECTION: 19-02

SUBJECT: Guest Light Lens Source
AUTHOR: George Murphy #540

I carefully removed the lens (very brittle) and examined the metal housing and did not find any markings or numbers indicating what it was. I then looked at the lens itself with a magnifier. I found tiny lettering which spelled out Stratolite SAE 42. I went to Vintage Trailer Supply http://www.vintagetrailersupply.com/Stratolite_42_Lens_p/vts-289.htm and found the lens but not the metal fixture. The lens is under part number VTS-289 in Amber. This looks to be the exact replacement part I am in need of with a price of \$4.13.



Original Ultra Van Guest Light and Fixture



Same Lens but Fixture is for a Marker Light



Picture of Reproduction Red Lens by itself

TECH TIP NUMBER: 2013-03
UV MANUAL SECTION: 13-03

SUBJECT: Corvair Leaning Board
AUTHOR: Norm Standal #480

A comfortable to service a Corvair engine in situ is one's knees in the step leaning forward on a padded board to service the distributor, fan belt, and alternator area. If the board is moved on side, the opposite carb area can be comfortably serviced.

Construction: To support the front of the board, drill and tap a 1/4-20 hole in a 3" long oak or aluminum rod and taper it to bottom, in the air cleaner wing nut. Lay a straight edge across the area cross beams and mark the rod and cut it off 1/16" longer. Assemble and leave it in place. Cut out a 3/8 or 1/2 x 24 x 15" piece of plywood and round the corners on one end to a 2 to 3" radius. On the other end across the back at the corners, fasten two 1/4 x 1 x 2" stops so when you set the board in place and push on it with your legs, it cannot move forward. The board can be stored in the upper back cabinets or elsewhere.

By riveting an upright stop to the center lower flange of the cross channel ahead of the air cleaner, it makes a handy place to store the engine cover prop. This prop also makes a good place from which to hang an engine bay light.



TECH TIP NUMBER: 2013-04
UV MANUAL SECTION: 02-02

SUBJECT: Windshield Source
AUTHOR: Owen Strawn #500

It has been confirmed that at least one UltraVanner has received a set of windshields from the following supplier:

Auto City Classic, Inc
Isanti, Minnesota
1-800-828-2212 [Call: 1-800-828-2212]
<http://www.autocityclassic.com/>

These are tinted, uncut W575 (driver side) and W576 (passenger side) 1957-1963 Chevy Stepvan windshields. The windshields with green tint uncut for \$299 each side plus shipping. Shipping by FedEX is about \$100 ea. Depending on distance from Minnesota.

CORSA Events

Corvair Lovers Holiday in Pensacola Beach FL	Hosted by West Florida Corvair Club	February 21st, 2014 12:00 AM <i>through</i> February 22nd, 2014 12:00 AM	16 Via De Luna Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 United States
Spring Warm-Up in Myrtle Beach SC	Hosted by Central Carolina CORSA	March 7th, 2014 7:00 AM <i>through</i> March 9th, 2014 11:00 PM	1200 S Ocean Blvd Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-4540 United States
Car & Truck Show in Inverness FL	Hosted by Nature Coast Corvairs)	March 8th, 2014 9:00 AM	212 W Main St Inverness, FL 34450 United States
Spring Autocross in Saint Augustine FL	Hosted by SouthEast Corvair Council	March 14th, 2014 6:00 PM <i>through</i> March 16th, 2014 6:00 PM	Saint Augustine, FL 32084 United States
Autofair in Charlotte NC	Hosted by Queen City Corvair Club	April 5th, 2014 12:00 AM <i>through</i> April 6th, 2014 12:00 AM	5555 Concord Pkwy S Concord, NC 28027 United States
Springfest in Helen GA	Hosted by Corvair Atlanta, Heart of Georgia Corvairs, Queen City Corvair Club)	April 18th, 2014 12:05 AM <i>through</i> April 19th, 2014 12:05 AM	Helen, GA United States
Spring Fling in Carmichael CA	Hosted by Classic Corvairs of River City	April 25th, 2014 3:00 PM <i>through</i> April 27th, 2014 12:00 AM	5631 Cypress Ave Carmichael, CA 95608 United States
Tri-State Meet in Chama NM	Hosted by Corvairs of New Mexico	May 30th, 2014 6:00 PM <i>through</i> June 1st, 2014 12:00 PM	1511 S Main St Chama, NM 87520 United States
CORSA International Convention in Tacoma WA	Hosted by Corvanatics	July 21st, 2014 12:00 PM <i>through</i> July 25th, 2014 10:00 PM	1320 Broadway Tacoma, WA 98402 United States