



**The Ultra Van may be a mite smaller than some RV's but the Ultra Van has a big heart and is very comfortable. See the above Ultra Van #545 between two big rigs but easily holding its own. Its owner Larry and Rosie are parked at Monterey Elks Lodge.**

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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)

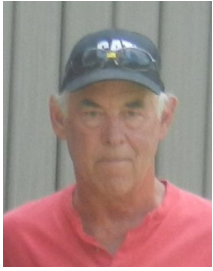
The award recognizes an Ultra Member who has contributed in an outstanding manner to the progress, enjoyment and general success of the Club and its activities, and meets the qualifications as stated in “B” below. (7/00)(8/05) Basis for selection will be the individual performance during the entire period 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 April 2016

Greetings from rainy Ohio. We have just returned from a month in sunny Florida. The Eastern Rally is just over and we were happy to have both the previous and new owners of 388 & 480 at the rally. Jim & Roy Davis sold #388 (Beau) to Todd & Kim Yokum. Brenda & Norm Standal sold #480 (Casper) to Kevin & Annette Coykendall and their children Sierra & Finn. We enjoyed meeting and getting to know both new families.

This year was one of the better years for our trip to Florida. We often have to slip between snowstorms, but this year was warm and we only had to fight a headwind the first day. After that, no problems! We stayed a few days at a very nice Corps of Engineers campground on Lake Walter George on the Alabama/Georgia state line. There are plenty of sites so we needed no advance reservations.

Regretfully we will not be able to attend the National Rally in Tombstone in October, but we encourage as many members as possible to take advantage of this opportunity to experience the old southwest. Terry & Linda Porter and Chuck & Cyndie Hanson have organized a fun filled rally.

Due to several confusing incidents, we have decided that we will state rally dates in the newsletter like this....Arriving (date); Departing (date). Hopefully, this will make the dates clear for those making reservations.

Wishing everyone a safe & healthy summer,

Jerry

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A Special Note from Your Editor.....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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# 2016 WESTERN ULTRA VAN RALLY

## Arrive May 23 and Depart May 26, 2016



It is less than 2 months to the Western States Rally in Cannon Beach, Oregon. You need to make you reservations ASAP at the Cannon Beach RV Park by calling 800-847-2231 or book online at [www.cbrvresort.com](http://www.cbrvresort.com). This is a very nice RV Park and it fills up fast from May-September and while we are not staying that long you will want to get your spot by the group so **BOOK NOW**. Cannon Beach is one of the many quaint villages on the Oregon coast and it will be coming out of its winter hibernation for our event. May is the month that the many unique shops and art galleries open for the season so you can expect friendly shop owners to greet you with open arms.

We are occupying sites 73-75 and 78-81. Although not shown on the map to the right these sites are close to the bathrooms/showers and are back in sites. We chose these sites so we can have some common space behind our coaches to congregate. For those of you bringing an SOB (some other brand) motor home, no problem, yours should fit the space and if you haven't backed into a spot in years, we'll help direct you in. Questions call: Carl or Fran Jones @ 253-988-2275 or Gale and Gretchen Pfueller at 360-734-3953.

Attractions abound either in the town of Cannon Beach or up or down the coast including;

- **Cannon Beach** combines the inspiring beauty of the Oregon Coast with a picture-perfect village by the sea and unmatched ocean view. Named one of America's 100 Best Art Towns, and it is tax free shopping according to the Chamber of Commerce.
- **The Beach & Haystack Rock:** Nearly four miles of sandy beach stretch north & south of Cannon Beach with Oregon's iconic Haystack Rock sitting approximately midway on this scenic paradise. Venture further and you'll find more beaches and dramatic rock formations that have made the Oregon Coast famous for its dramatic landscapes.
- **Columbia River and Garibaldi Maritime Museums** in Astoria and Garibaldi, north of Cannon Beach.
- **Arcadia Beach:** Located just two miles south of Cannon Beach is a picnic area and beach access at the Arcadia Beach State Recreation Site. The beach features many rock formations and tide pools to explore.





**ATI Northwest Art & Air Festival 2016**  
**August 26th Friday, August 27th Saturday (The Car Show),**  
**and August 28th Sunday**

*Arrive August 25 and Depart August 28, 2016*

At the end of August every year, the city of Albany, Oregon puts on the "ATI Northwest Art & Air Festival". Hot Air Balloons, Craft and Food Vendors, Car Show, and Live Bands!

Last year we stayed at the RV Park adjacent to the festival. We entered our Ultra Van in the Saturday car show and won 1st Place in Orphan Class! We had such a great time, we went ahead and reserved 10 sites so our friends and fellow Ultra Vanners could come join in on the fun and enter the car show!

There are only 4 sites left, if you'd like to join us, call The **Blue Ox RV park (800) 336-2881**. Mention "Mello" and tell them you're with the **Ultra Van Motor Coach Club**. They're wonderful there and will tell you all you need to know.

Checking into the **Blue Ox RV Park** on Thursday allows you can get up early on Friday and enjoy the hot air balloons lifting off first thing Friday morning.

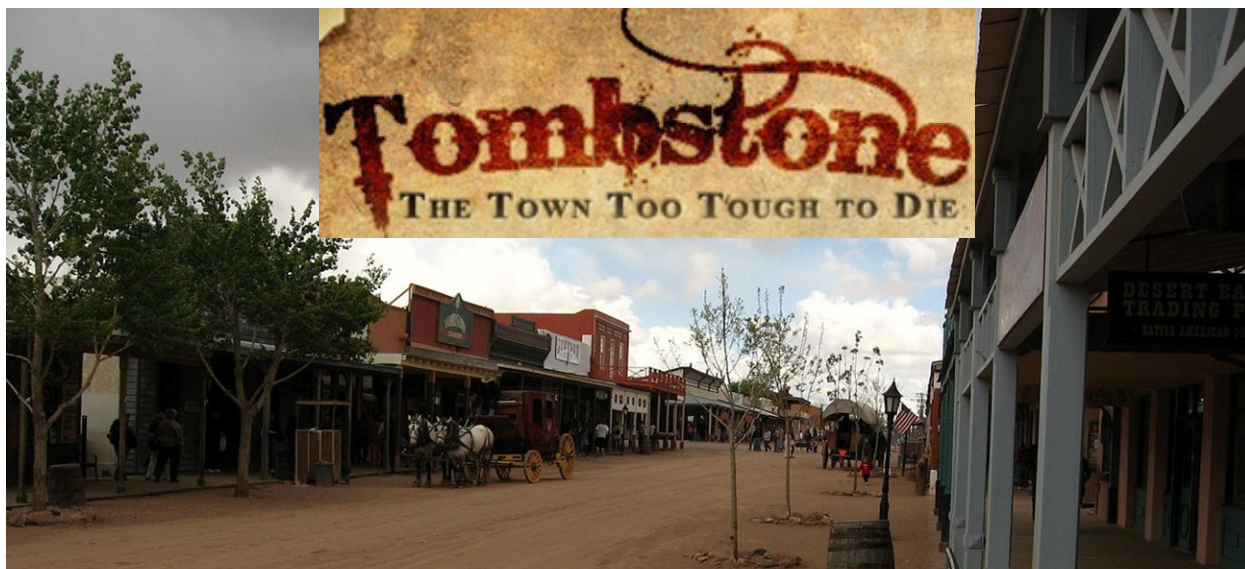
Please note: I did set it up for checking in on Thursday August 25th and checking out on Sunday August 28th. If these dates won't work for you...you can arrange for other dates when you make your reservation.

For more information you can go into the ATI Northwest Art & Air Festival web site:  
<http://nwartandair.org/>

We'll get Festival information out as we get closer to the date. Hope to see you there!  
**Patty & Jerry Mello (541)-926-2631**



Just a small tidbit. At the AVI Western Rally, the tech session was the younger members teaching the older members how to use the smart phones and computers. What is this world coming to? We do know that the older members can teach the younger members all about the Ultra Vans!



## *Ultra Van 2016 National Rally*

### *Tombstone, Arizona - October 2-8, 2016*

The town has wheelchairs on request. Dogs are welcome with watering stations throughout town.  
Request permission from individual establishments for pets to enter.

Hosted by Terry & Linda Porter and Chuck & Cyndie Hanson

At the Tombstone RV Park & Campground

<http://www.tombstonervparkandcampground.com>



- \* Large level pull thru sites \*
- \* Tent sites and Playground \*
- \* Picnic tables and grills \*
- \* Campfire rings \*
- \* Complete area information \*
- \* Shuttle to Tombstone for our overnight guests \*
- \* Camping cabins and Cowboy suites \*
- \* Extra clean restrooms and hot showers \*
- \* Laundry facilities and Pool \*
- \* Family friendly atmosphere \*
- \* Ice, Propane and Wifi \*

## **Tentative Schedule for Tombstone**

*First Day:* Registering, getting reacquainted, and catching up with news.

5:00 Dinner for all furnished by the Hosts

*Second Day:*

9:00 Coffee, tea or hot chocolate, pastries.

10:00 Tech session

12:00 Lunch on your own (or at ? in Tombstone)

2:00 Gunfight at OK Corral

6:00 Yankee Swap

7:00 Campfire gathering, grill available for burger, dogs or what have you.

*Third Day:*

9:00 Coffee, tea or hot chocolate, pastries.

10:00 Board of Directors Meeting

10:30 Regional Meetings (East and West)

11:00 General Meeting (For Everyone)

12:00 Lunch at ? and tour Boot Hill Graveyard

1:00 Coach hopping

7:00 Campfire gathering, grill available for burger, dogs or what have you.

*Fourth Day:*

8:00 Horseback Trail Ride or Jeep Tour

9:00 Coffee, tea or hot chocolate, pastries.

Visit nearby museums or trail ride or jeep tour

12:00 Lunch on your own Stage Coach Tour 15 or 25 minutes

5:00 Banquet at ? Campfire gathering afterward.

ALL RALLY MEETINGS COMPLETED. WE HOPE YOU STAY FOR MORE FUN!

*Fifth Day:*

9:00 Coffee, tea or hot chocolate, pastries.

Timing and day still in consideration

Good Nough Mine tour. Horseback trail ride. Jeep tour.

7:00 Campfire gathering, grill available for burger, dogs or what have you.

*Sixth Day:*

9:00 Coffee, tea or hot chocolate, pastries. Goodbye for those leaving.

THE SEVENTH DAY IS FREE AT THE PARK SO BE WELCOME TO STAY ONE MORE DAY!



## Ultra Class Want Ads

WANTED: I need an original steering column for UV 222. A mid-eighties olds column has been installed in our coach and I don't like it. If not mistaken, the original column would have been a Ross steering unit. Please contact me at bojogray@primus.ca or johngray063@yahoo.com 905 449 9858. I have a US postal box so shipping should not be an issue.

John Gray, Oshawa, Ontario

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



## ULTRA MERCHANDISE

CUTE Miniature Cloisonné Ultra pins \$5.00 each

**NEW Cloisonné Ultra earring set \$7.00**

**NEW Cloisonné Ultra pendants (chain not included) \$3.50**

**NEW Ultra coffee mugs \$8.00**

Club badges – 1st one free at rally or \$5.00 replacement

"Corvair Powered" bumper stickers \$3 or 2 for \$5

DVD of Ultra Archives \$5.00

DVD Ultra Coach Owners Manual by Len & Edy Ryerson \$5.00

VIN # plates (blank – you provide coach #) \$3.00

A few T-shirts from past rallies @ \$5.00

Booklet "From Covered Wagon to Ultra Van" \$5.00

3 1/2" X 4 1/2" 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 notecards @ various prices

Call or e-mail about these items...

OR BETTER YET, SHOW UP AT A RALLY!

Available at rallies or by ordering from:

**Merchandise Chairman - Patty Mello 541-926-2631 nanapatty1951**

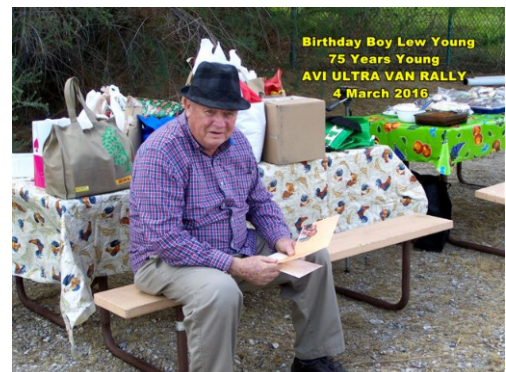
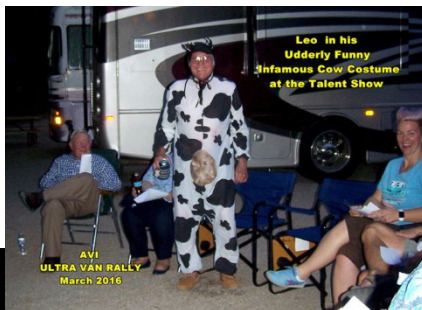
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# Pictorial Report for the AVI Western Rally

by Betsy Senn





## Eastern Rally Report

By Gary Anderson

The Eastern Division's traditional Spring Rally was held at Titusville, Florida from Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17th. As usual, the schedule was perfect for motorheads. The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, 175 miles to the north, was held the preceding weekend, and the 12 Hours of Sebring, a mere 125 miles south, was held the following Saturday. What more could you ask for? (Answer: No rain.)

Sometime during the rally John Howell asked on the Ultra Van Forum if one of the rally participants would post a brief rally report and pictures. Sorry, John. Our lack of response was for your own good. If someone had replied before the WOW was published, we'd have had to kill you. And if you *REALLY* want to know what goes on, you'll have to show up in person. That said, the official version of events follows:

This year we welcomed some new members making their first appearance at a rally. The four Coykendalls were there in #480, the ex-Standal coach. They hail from North Fort Myers, FL. It is nice to be joined by a family with children, and even better when the kids are great. (When was the last time you saw somebody under 30 at a rally? 40? 50? 60?) The other new family made a delayed appearance caused by last-minute air suspension problems. They are the Todd & Kim Yocum of Paducah, KY, driving #388, the ex-Davis coach. They had to do some long-distance parts chasing, feverish repairs, and some hard driving to make it to Titusville before the end of the rally. They deserve a lot of credit for their herculean effort. We were really glad they made it.



In addition to the new folks, the Kramers were there from Ohio in #424 and the Davis' (ex-#388) from Kentucky in their lovely new S.O.B. (Some Other Brand (Hurricane)) motorhome. The Andersons were there from Minnesota in Alt. #420, their venerable popup camper. The Standals (ex-480, from Florida) and the Pratts (#373, from Pennsylvania) came by car and stayed at a nearby motel.

As usual, the best part of the rally was visiting among old and new friends.

Yes, we had an informative tech session with Jim Davis and Jerry Kramer presenting. Kevin Coykendall and I both got a lot of questions answered. And yes, we had coach hopping. This group does not neglect food and drink. Brenda arranged a pizza delivery for our first night's Welcome Meal. Our pot luck was scheduled on the second day, and each night thereafter we had an informal potluck to use up



leftovers and sample new contributions. Our newest members provided several evenings of informal musical entertainment. Musicians and audience alike had a good time. Adult beverages may have been consumed.

Our group restaurant meal was at Ole Florida Grill & Oyster Bar, a funky, old-fashioned bar and seafood joint (in the best sense of the

word) on the shore of the Indian River across from Kennedy Space Center. The food is always good there and this year was no exception. In honor of Norm's birthday as well as those of Jerry Kramer and Olga Anderson, Brenda Standal picked up the tab! Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? (Answer: Brenda.) What's not to like about that? We're already looking forward to next year.



## 1968 Ultra Van for Sale #407

Gutted  
No drivetrain  
Excellent candidate for custom build  
Have title with long lost engine number  
\$1500 OBO Will help load, you bring trailer

Dragged out of swamp  
Basic structure good



Contact info: Ed and June Lindsay, E-mail: [wfcc@mediacombb.net](mailto:wfcc@mediacombb.net), phone #850-994-2161



## Turkel News



Chris, Molly and Turkel UV #328 went to the beach, Pensacola Beach, February 26 and 27 for the Corvair Lover's Holiday. We were the only Ultra Van amongst almost 30 other Corvairs. The weather was nice and the event is always a lot of fun. Turkel won in the Specialty class. The trophies were a really neat custom engraved Corvair pen and case.



## Ultra Van Sales for 2015 By Owen Strawn

Here are the recorded UltraVan sales from 2015:

- 388 - Jim Davis to Todd Yocum - 11/21/15
- 526 - Phil Domser to unknown in Massachusetts - 11/13/15
- 436 - Marv Luke to Rick Milne - 10/25/15
- 480 - Norm Standal to Kevin Coykendall - 10/1/15
- 479 - David Bettini to Graham Veysey - 9/21/15
- 310 - Tim Mills to Andy Kehn - 8/24/15
- 435 - Cheryl Ruddell to Dick Reid - 6/16/15
- 530 - Billy [Asher?] to Glen Olson - 3/31/15
- 335 - Mike The Mover (Shanks) to Matt Lackey - 3/4/15 (2/17/15)
- 492 - Pete Marino to J.C. Hopper - 1/20/15
- 409 - Greg Jones to Paul Oberman - 2/18/15

Note there were only 11 known sales in 2015 - that is way down from recent years:

- 25 in 2014
- 26 in 2013
- 28 in 2012
- 19 in 2011
- 22 in 2010
- 19 in 2009
- 17 in 2008