



Introducing our new Ultra Van Motor Coach President Jerry Mello and his wife, Patty standing in front of their coach.

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2017 Calendar of Events

Early March	AVI Ultra Van Rally
3 rd Week of March	TBA
Mid September	2017 National Ultra Van Rally at Hutchinson, KS (TBA)

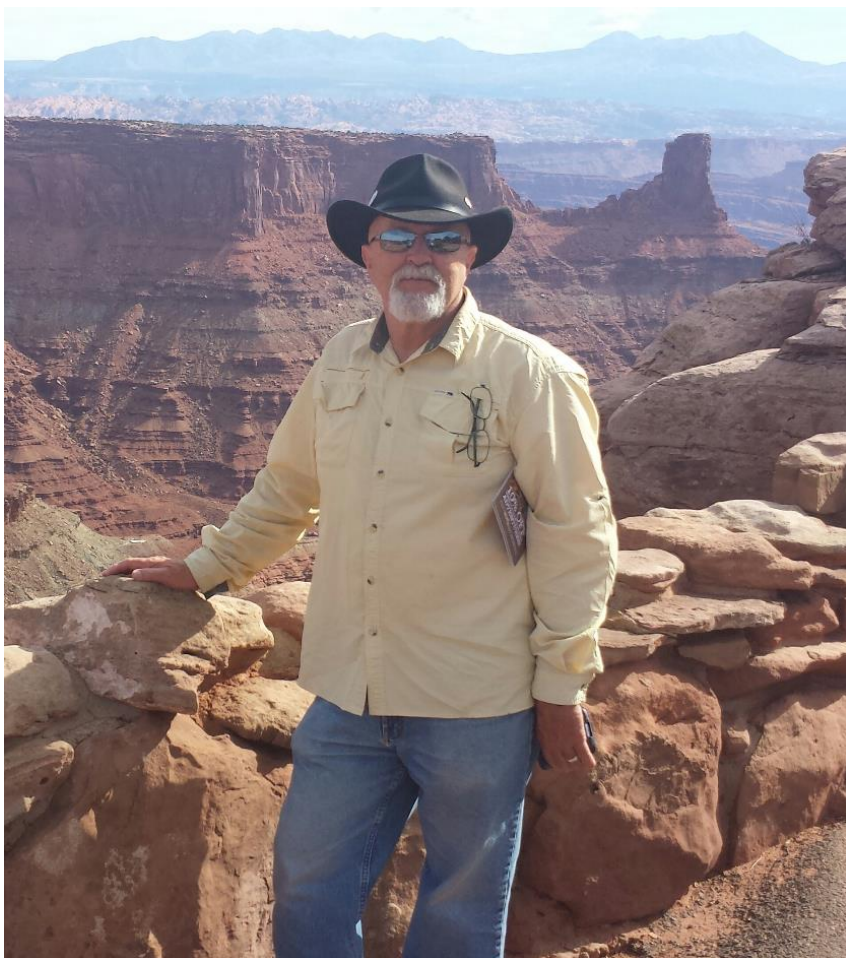
Newly Elected Officers for 2017

President – Jerry Mello
Vice President – Chris Brown
Secretary – Kim Yocum
Treasurer – Owen Strawn

West Director – Ron Adams
East Director – Kevin Coykendall
Newsletter Editor – Brenda Standal



PREZ SEZ



Hello all.

Another UVMCC national rally is behind us and I'm sure that a good time was had by all who attended. It was good to have new members of the younger generation. I've met most of the members in the west but only a few of the easterners.

My wife Patty and I own UV 333. We've owned her for a little more than seven years now. She was a basket case when she home on a roll back. After a summer of hard work we set out on a cross-country journey from our home in Oregon to visit friends in Delaware. With a rebuilt drivetrain, all new brakes, new dc wiring and comfortable captain's chairs we endured nine weeks in our "tent on wheels" as Patty called it. That's because it had been completely gutted by the previous owner. For our first trip we made due with a queen size RV mattress, port-a-potty, ac/dc refrigerator and bins for everything else.

We continue to use our coach every year and Patty gives me her input on what my next project should be. I continue to work on the coach between trips and it might be done in a few more years. We've made it to all of the north western rallies and two nationals, Cody and Tombstone. I must say that I have been disappointed with the low turnout of coaches at the two National Rallies

we've attended. I know that as our coaches get older it can be scary to drive them thousands miles from home. You must have either the skills or the time to prepare them for the journey or enough money to hire a reputable mechanic. Even then it can still be a daunting undertaking. Whenever possible we like to travel with UV friends to and from events. The security and companionship makes the trip much less stressful. I hope to meet many more of you at future events.

Jerry Mello



"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

A Special Note from Your Editor.....It is more economical to receive your newsletter electronically now, so if there are 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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I want to thank the UVMCC officers and members who sent me these gorgeous flowers during the National Rally in Tombstone. We had previously thought we would fly in and attend, but that was not to be. Our first National Rally we missed since UV 480 was traveling. Our thoughts were with you all. Glad everyone had a great time!!

Brenda Standal



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Reminder from the Treasurer!!!!!!

Dues for 2017 can be paid at any time. The cost is: \$15.00 per year if you want to receive the newsletter by hard copy OR \$5.00 per year if you want it by e mail. Please send your dues to Owen Strawn, 434 S. Lexington Rd., Wichita, KS 67218 and please make the checks to UVMCC.



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 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 notecards @ various prices

Call or e-mail about these items...

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Available at rallies or by ordering from:

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For Sale: Reprinted Ryerson Ultra Van Manual

I now have the Ryerson Ultra Van Service/Repair manual and a CD version of it available.



Report on CORSA Convention in Springfield, IL

By Molly Bacon

The annual CORSA convention was held in Springfield, IL mid-July. Turkel was the only Ultra Van in attendance. The Davises were there with Roy's CORSA convertible and were camping close by in their new rig.

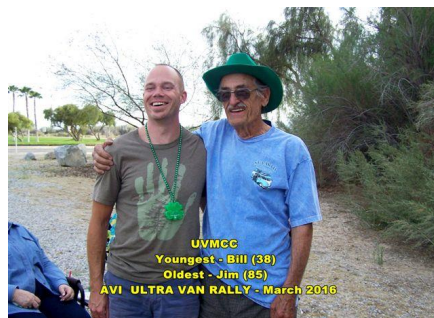
Jim led the Ultra Van meeting on Wednesday evening and held everyone spellbound with his wealth of Ultra Van knowledge. There was good attendance, but unfortunately, I was so spellbound that I neglected to take a picture or two of the meeting.

Chris and I spent the week there and tailgated the majority of our meals. The hotel had a huge parking lot and we parked in the far end so not to attract attention when we cooked our fabulous meals.

For the Saturday car display, we set up in full array and placed in the top three for the Engineering/Specialty class. Everything was good until going home, In North Alabama, we limped into a Dairy Queen and Chris diagnosed a dropped valve seat. We were towed home from there. Now we're waiting for a set of Ken Hand's super-duper heads to put Turkel back on the road.



Pictures to Remember!!!!!!



Report of 2016 Ultra Van National Rally at Tombstone

By Carl Jones

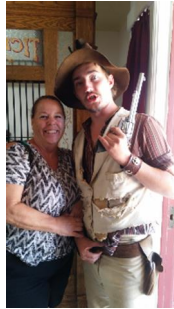
50th UVMCC Rally is in the Books!



The 50th UVMCC Rally was scheduled to begin on October 2nd, but the Porters and Hansons arrived on site October 1 and declared the Rally “unofficially” open on that day as they were ready to party. Others arrived the same day and the rest on October 2, except Todd and Kimberly Yocum who decided to make the trip a slow adventure and arrived a day, or was it two, late. The Yocums were having engine trouble and were taking it slow and easy to get UV 388 to Tombstone as they had already reached the point of no return. There were several skilled hands ready to lend them to help in 388's recovery.



Sunday, October 2nd saw the “official” beginning of Rally and we started things off in great style with a dinner provided by the hosts Linda and Terry Porter and Cyndie and Chuck Hanson. Bison burgers on the bar-b-que and all the fixins inside the clubhouse and a great discussion on the fun things to do in Tombstone and the surrounding area. We were going to watch the movie Tombstone but the facility did not have a VCR available so it was decided that everyone should go into town during one



of the breaks for having UV fun and see the “Shootout at the OK Corral” which is better than seeing a movie anyway.

Those in attendance included; the hosts Linda and Terry Porter (T 2011), Cyndie and Chuck Hanson (UV 460), Olga and Gary Anderson (UV 420), Dan Berlant and Heather Molina (UV 383), Marlene and Jim Craig (former owner UV 604), Roy and Jim Davis (former owners UV 388), Stacy and Sam Hill (UV 346), Fran and Carl Jones (UV 400), Eric Kirven (UV 345, 504), Patty and Jerry Mello (UV 333), Gretchen and Gale



Pfueller (UV 497) Kimberly and Todd Yokum (UV 388), Shelly and Lew Young and Donna Bolton, Lew's sister (former owners of 497). After our wonderful dinner and great sharing we called it an evening and retired to our respective coaches, cabins and tents. Yes, that's right, we had a couple of very intrepid souls who chose to tent camp for the week. I think they were trying to take over for Owen Strawn who didn't show up with his tent or UV.



Monday dawned and saw us all gather in the Clubhouse for coffee and pastries provided by all members of the Rally. Great sharing gang, there was enough to last the entire week! After an hour or so of eating, drinking and sharing we broke for the Board of Directors meeting (Minutes of the meeting are elsewhere in this issue). Following the Board of Directors meeting we met as Eastern and Western Regions to discuss what each region's plan would be for 2017. The Western Rally is planned for May 18-21, 2017 in Yosemite National Park just east of Merced, California. The Eastern Region is planning a Rally for March or April (undecided on place and date.

After our meetings we met as a general group to announce the results of the election of Officers and Board of Directors members for 2017. The list of these wonderful members are:

President:	Jerry Mello
Vice President:	Chris Brown

Secretary:	Kimberly Yokum		
Treasurer:	Owen Strawn		
Eastern Directors:	Kevin Coykendall	Western Directors:	Ron Adams
	Gary Anderson		Jerry Mello
	Jim Davis Murray		Gale Pfueller

Newsletter Editor:	Brenda Standal
Technical Editor:	Chuck Hanson



The Ernest Newhouse Award, which is only awarded for meritorious, outstanding service to UVMCC and is not awarded every year was awarded to Shelley Young for her many years of dedicated and unselfish service to the organization. To say Shelley was surprised to receive this award would be an understatement. Yet, as we all know, Shelley was very deserving of this award and, if anything, it was a long time in coming.



After our meetings we decided it was time for a break and we did lunch on our own and did some touristy things in Tombstone, the town too tough to die! Five PM came and it was time for our Tech Talk which was given by Terry Porter and he regaled us on the wonders of Tiaras and the challenges. After the Tech Talk it was time for the World Famous Yankee Swap Meet. There were a few gag gifts and several around the wine theme, which were big hits with those that finally stole them for the last time, not so much with those that lost those valuable bottles. The campfire gathering schedule for this night had to be postponed because, believe it or not, it rained!

Tuesday morning was bright and clear and we tried to eat the pastries left over from the day before, but there were just too many! At 10 AM we conducted our annual coach hopping adventure. It always amazes me how different our coaches are from outside color and striping to all the little details that we add to make them our own.



We were open to the entire park and had many come thru, we even had some locals come thru who had heard about these crazy coaches from friends who lived at the park. After the open house several members of the group decided to go horseback riding, they came back



with bowed legs and speaking with a cowperson accent. One person told me he just couldn't negotiate with his horse, it seemed the horse had a mind of its own and wanted to go his own way. The rider, will remain nameless, returned with the group but I think his ego was a little bruised by the horse's obstinacies. Once the riders finished with their showers (at the insistence of the entire group) we joined together again for our traditional potluck dinner and open discussion.

Wednesday was another perfect weather day and after, you guessed it, coffee and pastries, it was an open day for tourist activities and for some, time to work on the Yokums UV to get it back on the road for the trip home. Some of us went to Tombstone, some went to Sierra Vista and some to Bisbee. Everyone had an experience to take home and to tell night at the Annual Tombstone. Steaks were reasonable with enough on neighbor. As usual there about this wonderful place



everyone else about Wednesday Banquet at the Longhorn Saloon in the order of the day and were quite your plate to share with your was a lot to talk about and to share in the southern Arizona desert.

Thursday, the biggest tourist day of all saw and there wasn't one of us that didn't take advantage of this free time to go to Boot Hill where Lester Moore was buried and his gravestone read, "Here lies Lester Moore, Four shots from a 44, No Les, No More!". Some went to the Shootout at the OK Corral. Some went to Bisbee, which is an old mining town turned into art colony. Some went to Sierra Vista for parts for the Yokum coach.



Friday was our final day together and as usual we couldn't get enough of each other and spent all day enjoying each other's company. Oh, and we finished the pastries. Some left today and some stayed thru the weekend as there was a car show in Sierra Vista. Women, always wanting to take in the car shows!

Until next year, somewhere in the east we bid you farewell as the sun sinks slowly in the West!

