

Here are some of the Ultra Vans participating in the Route 66 Fun Run.
(See pictorial story inside)

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Sept. 18-22

Ultra Van National Rally in Hutchinson, KS

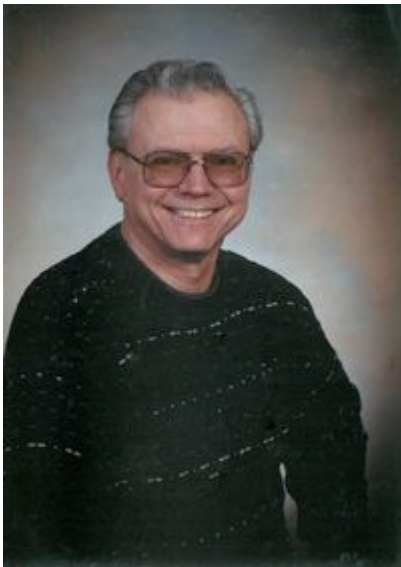
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PREZ SEZ



As I write this note I am sitting in our Ultra Van on the way to Independence MO to attend the CORSA National Convention. This is the first time I have gone on a "vacation" without my wife. She said that it will be too hot and it's a car thing! She's normally a real trooper but she says that she needs to rest up the UV National Rally in September. It would have been nice to only make one trip to Kansas this year, but our bylaws restrict the dates. I think we need to make some changes.

Jerry Mello



Ultra Van Obituary for Glenn Lemke

Gary Anderson: Glenn Lemke died at his home near Hayward, Wisconsin this morning (5/19/17). He had been under hospice care for well over a year due to a severely weakened heart. There will be two services; the first on Monday morning at the Hayward Funeral Home and another service to follow (presumably later next week) in the greater Chicago area where he had spent much of his life. He is survived by his wife, Joann, and his son, Steve, of West Chicago, IL. For those who didn't know him, Glenn did what may be the most thorough restoration ever done on an Ultra Van. In the process, he engineered replacements for the front and rear suspensions and provided those designs for others to use. He also helped others adapt rack-and-pinion steering to their coaches. Glenn's coach, #247, is essentially done, lacking only minor touches and a paint job. He was able to ride in it on its maiden voyage in January of 2016 when his son, Steve, brought a crew of friends to Hayward to finish up the mechanical odds and ends necessary to drive it on the road. A video of the trip is posted on You Tube. I neglected to mention that Glenn's legs were amputated, the result of poor circulation caused by his weak heart. At the time he lost his legs (I'm

guessing maybe 6 years ago), Glenn was only part way through the work on his coach. While that slowed him down, it certainly didn't stop him until he entered hospice care. Even then, he made occasional trips to the garage. His son, Steve, and I worked on the coach the last weekend in April. We went to dinner at Glenn's favorite restaurant at that time, probably the last time Glenn left the house.

Chuck Hanson: Glenn was a great guy, and he will surely be missed. He and I have had quite a few lengthy conversations, mostly concerning his relentless pursuit of Ultra Van perfection and my attempts to learn from him.

I'm a better man from knowing Glenn, and my Ultra Van is a better Whale because of his efforts.

I have his detailed suspension and steering drawings and a few other things from him in my office, and i will figure out how to digitize them for posterity. For the hundredth time, Thanks, Glenn!



"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

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Tentative Schedule:

Monday 9/18: Arrival Day

Registration – Host dinner (provided) – Campfire & movie night

Tuesday 9/19: Fun & Business Day

Coach Hopping – Factory site visit and Amish village tour

UVMCC business meetings – Pot Luck dinner – Yankee Swap

Wednesday 9/20: Tech Day

Tech sessions – Chili dog lunch (provided) – More tech sessions

More coach hopping – Leftovers dinner – Campfire & games

Thursday 9/21: Heritage Day

Awards banquet (noon) – Tour Hutchinson Art Center (site of Downtown Ultra) and Reno County Museum – Heritage presentations – [open dinner]

Parade to downtown – Coach display – Third Thursday art festival

Friday 9/22: Tourism & Talent Day

Tour Strataca underground museum or Cosmosphere space museum

TBD dinner – Costume party & Talent show

Saturday 9/23: Farewell Day

Covert withdrawals – Fond farewells – Tearful departures – Dramatic exits

Early arrivals should check out the Kansas State Fair, September 8-17

Helpful Links:

Strataca Salt Museum <http://underkansas.org/>

Cosmosphere Space Museum <http://cosmo.org/>

Third Thursday Art festival <http://thirdthursdayhutch.com/>

Hutchinson Art Center <http://www.hutchinsonartcenter.net/>

Reno County Museum <http://www.renocomuseum.org/>

Yoder Amish Settlement <http://www.yoderkansas.com/>

Carriage Crossing (Amish) Restaurant <http://carriagecrossingrestaurant.com/>

Kansas State Fair (Sept 8-17) <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/>

Hutchinson visitors info: <https://visithutch.com/>

Class Ads:

WANTED: Interested in buying a rear (back) curved door for my Ultra Van, approximately 3 ft. x 4 ft. in size. The rear (back) window should be curved, measuring about 30" x 18" in size.

Anyone who has replaced their emergency brake and cable assembly in their Ultra Van,
Also, anyone that has replaced (upgraded) their rear (back) door and window, please contact me.
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April 28 & 29 was one of the largest east coast Corvair events, Springfest, in Helen, Georgia. Turkel was the only Ultra Van in the event, so consequently won a trophy. There were some other Ultra owners there without their Ultras. Too bad they missed out on competing in the Ultra Van class. Turkel is now patiently waiting now for Hutchinson.



ULTRA MERCHANDISE

Call or e-mail me to shop or better yet come join us at the next rally!
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DVD of Ultra Archives \$5.00
DVD Ultra Coach Owners Manual by Len & Edy Ryerson \$5.00
VIN # plates (blank) \$3.00
100,000 Miles Club plaque (Awarded at rally) **FREE**
Booklet “From Covered Wagon to Ultra Van” \$5.00 while supplies last
3 ½” X 4 ½” Stitched patches w/ Ultra on US map & flag \$3.00
Tech tips, sets 1 or 2 (\$13 + shipping each mailed)
Window decals: UVMCC with Ultra \$1.00
Postcards and note cards @ various prices



Available while supply lasts:
Tombstone Rally t-shirts \$15 and Tombstone Rally magnets \$3.00



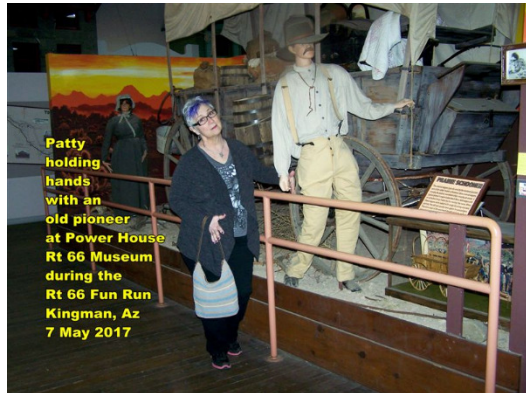
PICTORIAL STORY FOR THE ROUTE 66 FUN RUN



Left to right, Carl and Fran Jones in 400, Jerry and Patty Mello in 333, Betsy and Leo Senn's 293 and Chuck and Cyndies 460.







Western Ultra Van Rally at Yosemite



Report from Owen Strawn at Independence, Mo. Corsa Convention

I took a day trip to Independence for the Corsa Convention yesterday. Excellent turnout, well organized, and really nice facilities. Kudos to HACO!

I got there just in time to admire the gorgeous cars at the concourse (including two Yenko Stingers & a Fitch Sprint). I followed Terry Kalp around for a bit while he was taking pictures and said "Hi" to Christy Barden 228 who was busy judging. Afterwards Christy invited me to join him for lunch and we had a nice chat. For those who don't know him, Christy was the founder of Group Ultra Van (chapter 002), published the Whales on Wheels newsletter for over 18 years, and has owned his iconic orange/yellow/brown/red Ultra Van #228 since 1973!

In the vendor room Seth Emerson spent the time to answer all my dumb questions about whether his new electronic distributor would work with my Safeguard knock controller. Very nice guy, he about convinced me that I need this \$200 upgrade for UV500. Now I just need somebody to convince me about one of the fuel injections setups and I will be good to go...

Mike Dawson's Rochester carb tech session was standing-room only, but I have to admit that it was almost entirely over my head. It looked like the handouts will help but I haven't had a chance to study them yet.

The UVMCC chapter 006 meeting was attended by several UVer s I hadn't met before (Jerry Mello 333, Ken & Beth Hand 398, John Nickel & Barb Mee 452), and two that I had (Christy Barden 228, Phil Domser 535). I saw Gary & Mary Baxter 544 at the concours but they weren't at the meeting. There were also several interested non/future owners present, but I don't think we got a list of names.

Afterwards Jerry was kind enough to show me his coach, he has done some fantastic work!

- 4-wheel Wilwood disk brakes (the parking brake cables fit without any modification!)
- front & rear RideTech coilovers
- Silverado steering rack with adjustable Saturn electronic booster
- the most thoroughly insulated roof I've ever heard of
- dual alternators driving completely separate 12v systems
- one battery in back and one under each front seat
- leather swivel/reclining/heated captain's chairs
- front turn signals integrated into halogen headlights
- original front turn signal openings converted to fresh air vents
- plastic fresh/grey/black tanks
- very solid floor (1/2" ply glued to 1/4" ply with alternating joints)
- efficient 12v compressor-driven refrigerator
- custom cabinets
- immaculate sheetmetal work

and so many details I couldn't take them all in. I got a lot of good ideas for #500 but truth to tell it was pretty intimidating. :)

2017 UVMCC BALLOT

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No ballots will be available at the Rally.

