

UVMCC was established in October 1967 for all who are interested in Ultra Vans CORSA Chapter #008



Prez sez

I'm looking forward to another great UltraVan year.



This year we've already left the snowy conditions in western Oregon for the cool weather in Palm Springs CA for a Vintage Trailer Rally (see Carl's detailed write-up on the

Modernism Week on page 7). High temperatures in the mid 60's with a blustery wind. Great fun, but a lot of work.





We got to meet Brian Goldin and see his 24 foot 1963 Travlelon made by Prestolite. It is a great survivor, with the exception of the 80HP engine replaced by a 140HP. I looked at it for what seemed like hours looking for the differences between it and an Ultra Van. For me, that was one of the best parts of the trip!

As you probably already know, officer elections are held each year with the results reported at the annual National Rally. We are asking for nominations for officers in the newsletter instead of just at the rallies. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in running for an office this year, make sure that you submit a small write-up (bio) of that person. The following positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Eastern and one Western Director. See more details in the Nominations article at the bottom of page 3.

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ULTRA MERCHANDISE



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DVD of Ultra Archives	\$5.00	
DVD Ultra Coach Owners Manual by Len & Edy Ryeson	\$5.00	
VIN # plates (blank)	\$3.00	
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- Western Spring Rally—5/28/2018-5/31/2018, a traveling rally starting in Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada. Carl Jones, <u>carlofsumner@gmail.com</u> or 253-988-2275 (see write-up on page 6)
- Eastern Spring Rally, 6/7/2018—6/10/2018, Milford, MI, Camp Dearborn, a fun, relaxing time, contact Ken Hand <u>vairmech@aol.com</u> or 248-613-8586 (see write-up on page 5)
- **CORSA International Convention**, 07/23/2018—07/28/2018 500 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15205, hosted by Western Pennsylvania Corvair Club, website: /<u>http://corvairpittsburgh.com/</u>
- UVMCC National Rally, 08/24/2018—08//28/2018, Join the Covered Wagons, traveling rally starting in Creede, CO. Carl and Fran Jones, <u>carlofsumner@gmail.com</u> website: <u>http://ultravan.club/dir/2018/02/01/2018-national-rally/</u> (update info on page 4)



Recently "Lucy", UV 532, started clicking. There would be one click with an interval of 60 seconds or so and then a different sounding click at about the same interval .

I found the 110 volt charging unit to be the problem. It was so hot that you could not hold your hand on it! It is a Schauer Model BR 212 mounted on the driver's side under the rear bed .

Mine is now in the junk pile. It can be a **definite fire hazard**.

Chuck Hanson, our illustrious Technical Editor, talked to Will and determined that this was the originally installed battery charger. Chuck's assessment is, "The clicking sound is, I'm sure, the internal thermal overload breaker popping off, then back on. This is just one example of why it is so important to use good quality equipment, with built in safeguards! Otherwise, Lucy may have turned into a barbecue!"

ed—Remember to pay attention to your equipment and check it often. We don't need to lose any of our coaches.

UVMCC Officers' Nominations

We are asking for nominations for officers in the newsletter instead of just at the rallies. We want everyone, not just those few who are fortunate enough to be able to attend one of the spring rallies, to have a chance to nominate someone to run for office. Whether you want to nominate yourself or someone else, we would like to hear from you. Be sure to include a small write-up (bio) of that person. Also, they do not need to be present at the national rally to be elected.

The positions up for election this year are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Eastern and one Western Director. Don't be bashful, the club can use good people and new ideas. Please send, either by email or snail mail, your nominations (and bios) to the Newsletter editor, <u>mollyba-con@yahoo.com</u> or mail to UVMCC, 5425 Morrow Road, Gladwin, MI 48624. **Don't let this opportunity pass by.**

National Rally Update!

The National Rally, August 24-28, is getting closer and if you are going to attend, you should really get with the program! If you haven't submitted your reservation, you need to go to <u>http://ultravan.club/dir/event/2018-national-rally/</u> and submit your reservation.

Creede is going all out to make our event a great one. Take a look at the entertainment they have scheduled just for our Rally! Well, maybe the entertainment isn't just for us, but they are looking forward to having us in Creede.

The Headwaters Music Festival will be held the weekend we are in Creede and they want us to show our coaches at the Festival. I have assured them that we would be excited to show off our Whales, so they said bring as many as you want and become a part of the Festival. What I am recommending is that we have at least 2 coaches at the festival each day, we can do more but I would like to have at least 2. If you are interested in showing your coach off either Saturday or Sunday, let me know and I will schedule you in. I am told that we will have electricity available to us so don't worry about spoiling food in your fridge.

Also, remember that after Creede we are heading out to explore the southern part of Colorado by visiting Chimney Rock and Mesa Verde National Park, two of Colorado's great treasures.

We have made one detour in our route to Mesa Verde in that we will not be staving the night at Riverside RV Park in Bayfield and all reservations have been cancelled there by Doug Bell. Doug has now secured reservations for us at the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio, CO and you will have to call 970-563-7777 to make your reservation for the night of Monday, August 27, 2018, When you call, ask for Front Desk / Reservations and please indicate you are in the Ultra Van block. For those traveling in your car and needing accommodations, you can call the hotel and make a room reservation at 888-842-4180. The Sky Ute website is www.skyutecasino.com. It's a pretty nice casino and if you don't like to gamble we might schedule a mini golf tournament if you're interested.



Looking forward to seeing you in Southern Colorado in August!

Carl Jones





Hey everyone, welcome to Michigan!

You didn't know? There will be a rally at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan, June 7-10.

You do not need an RV as they have cabins available! We do have 10 spots available, so make your reservations soon. Contact the park directly. You can call 248-684-6000 for reservations and mention **Ultravan**. We have sites 98-107 reserved.



Here is the web site so you can check out the campground and the site map, <u>https://</u><u>www.campdearborn.com/</u> Then, please let me know what space you have reserved.

This rally will be a laid back, a get to know everyone type gathering with no planned activities. But, we will probably come up with something for the ladies and probably a tech session or two. If you want to do something more, there is lots to do in the area or even on the way to or from the rally. Camp Dearborn has discount tickets available for Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village or a Ford Rouge factory tour.

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Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation™	Greenfield Village	Ford Rouge Factory Tour ™	Giant Screen Experience

If you want to explore a little more, there is the RE Olds Museum in Lansing. Then in Ypsilanti, there is Yankee Air Museum and also in Depot Town, the Hudson museum with a good Corvair display.



For details and more places, see the <u>last page</u> for a write up from Gary Anderson on things to do in the upper Midwest area.

Come stay a while!



Contact me with your reserved space, or any questions or for more information. Ken Hand, 248-613-8586, <u>vairmech@aol.com</u>

By Carl Jones



The UVMCC Western States Rally is now scheduled and I hope I can explain it well enough to excite some of you to attend.

The Rally will be held immediately after the Northwest Corvair Econo Run. For those of you who



don't know what an Econo Run is, it is an event sponsored by single or multiple Corvair Clubs, in this case, in WA, OR, ID and British Columbia. It covers a course of 100 miles (160.934 kilometers) and is to determine who can achieve the best gas mileage over the course. The event rotates each vear between the clubs in these states and the BC province. This year it is sponsored by Western Canada CORSA and will be held in Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Canada. The Econo Run takes place May 25-27 (Memorial Day Weekend in the USA, but not in Canada) and six UVMCC Ultra Vans will be participating.

It seemed natural then to tie in the Western States Rally at the end of this event. So, the Rally is scheduled for May 28 -31, immediately after the Econo Run. It only begins at Harrison Hot Springs and then will move to Vancouver Is-



land to explore its small towns and beautiful sights.



While the "official" part of the Rally will end on the 31st,

as an After Party, we will continue to see the sights of Vancouver Island for another 3 days, including **Butchart Gardens** near Victoria.

So, come join us for the Rally, or come join us for the Rally and the After Party, or come join us for the Econo Run, the Rally, and the After Party; which ever way you choose to participate; just come to beautiful British Columbia. Contact Carl Jones for details at carlofsumner@gmail.com or call him at 253-988-2275.

Click here for Econo Run information -> https://www.corvair.org/index.php? option=com civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&Itemid=225&reset=1&id=279



by Carl Jones

Palm Springs Modernism Week Vintage Trailer Show

February 2018

There were four Ultra Van registrants for the Palm Springs Modernism Vintage Trailer Show on February 23-25, 2018. Unfortunately, Amy Boylan's painter didn't get her coach painted in time to attend, but Amy came anyways and hung out with Brian

Goldin, the Joneses and the Mellos.



The Gang; Jerry and Patty Mello, Heather and Dan Berlant, Brian Goldin, and kneeling Fran and Carl Jones with Deedee (Berlant's dog) and Libby (Jones' dog)

While the weather cooperated and didn't rain on us it could have been a little warmer. It was in the high 60s, low 70s. For 75% of the USA that would have been sweltering, but for those of us in Palm Springs, it was just passable. This event is a great opportunity to show off your coach to some very amazed and admiring fans. It was originally a Vintage Trailer Show. But with motorized RVs added, it now needs to take on a new name. I think it should be call the Palm Springs Modernism Week Ultra Van and Vintage Trailer Show. Short of that, it could possibly be called Palm Springs Modernism Week Vintage Trailer and RV Show.

There was an old bus conversion, a Cortez, and Amanda and Bill Shumack's vintage International pickup with a custom truck camper that has a wood fired stove. Along with the Ultra Vans, their rig

was a big hit.

This was a show stopper! A Holiday House who's rehab was finished one day before the show.

For you lucky folks that get invited to next year's event, be prepared to be amazed by the attention you get.



The Tres Amigos; The Righteous Coach, Mini Mo, and The Green Machine

The show was amazing! Literally thousands of peo-

ple touring our coaches both Saturday and Sunday (Friday was for set up and a cocktail party).



Amanda and Bill Shumack with their International pickup and custom camper



Whale 460's Tale of Woe on the way to the Fan

Belt Toss



by Chuck Hansen

October 19 was a beautiful day in the Mojave Desert and Chuck and Cyndie Hanson had set out early in the Whale460 on their annual trek to the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs. They were traveling from the other corner of the desert, Mesquite Nevada,

330 miles away via the scenic route.

The Whale was in top shape for the drive, all systems working perfectly. We had just

turned off US 95 westbound on Old Route 66, which goes through a number of nearly abandoned towns along the rail lines towards Amboy. It's a step back in time about 50 years, and is a fun and relaxing drive, with lots of good photo opportunities, and almost nothing else.

A couple miles before Goffs, population 23, The Whale lost power on one cylinder. I was hoping for a simple problem like a loose spark plug wire, but a couple odd backfires told me it was going to be more complicated. We pulled over at the abandoned town center at Goffs and set to researching the problem. No visible issues in the engine bay. I pulled out my heat sensor gun and aimed it at the individual header pipes and found #6 to be cold. At this point I knew exactly what to do; advise Cyndie to pull



out a lawn chair and pour herself a glass of wine.

When I pulled the valve cover off I was greeted

with a broken valve spring on #6. My heads had been given a clean bill of health by my engine rebuilder a year ago, so this was a surprise indeed! I didn't carry spare valve springs or

valve spring tools with me. This has now changed. Being 50 miles from the nearest parts

store, I did what all good UV'ers do:;got on the internet. Unfortunately, none of the Vegas Vairs members were going this way to Palm Springs, nor were any UV'ers in the area. So, I called Betsy and Leo Senn in Kingman, owners of the Flamin'293, and they came all the way out to Goffs, 90 miles from home, with new valve springs and the valve spring tool I needed. Now, I have never done this job in the dirt, on an assembled engine, and the tool required modification, so it took a



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Whale 460's Tale of Woe (cont.)

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little cussin' and fighting. But in the end, we got it fixed, had a great visit with Betsy and Leo, and Betsy got some great pictures of beautiful downtown Goffs. We went on to Palm Springs and finished our trip without incident and Betsy and Leo went back to Kingman...

Thanks, guys....guess I owe you dinner!!

For all of you new to the group, remember that this is not an isolated incident, but fear not!!



UV's sometimes break, but UV owners are always there to help one another. That is the what UVMCC is

all about; the people, the adventures, the camaraderie, and oh, yeah, the Ultra Vans, too. So, get out there, see the world, and remember we're all out there with you!



Mini Rally–AVI Casino 4/18-4/22 Hosted by Eric Kirven

Sorry for the short notice..... Not even sure I can call it a Mini Rally but here goes.

I have 4 spots at the AVI Casino arriving Wednesday, April 18 and departing Sunday, April 22.

Why AVI you may ask? Almost everyone who has attended a rally at AVI has had a good time. We have members who no longer have coaches who we like to see and they can come down for the day or even stay at the casino.

I only secured 4 spots at this time because I had to front the deposit for them. If there is enough interest I will get some more.

Any Questions? Email or call me. 562-981-0823, ultravan345@yahoo.com

Mesquite Motor Mania–Whale 460

The Whale460 once again braved frosty mid-sixties weather to make the crosscountry pilgrimage to Mesquite Nevada's 10th annual



Mesquite Motor Mania car show, January 12-14 with Chuck and Cyndie Hanson stowed away inside.



Ok, it's actually across the street...but we would go further for this 3-day chaos -packed long weekend.

The rear engine Corvair-powered Ultra Van typ-

ically does not do well in the burnout competition, but makes up for it as a perennial favorite in the slow drags; this time taking second place and third place in the two





days of competing. And, as always, the exhaust system did not make the trip as open headers and cruising throughout the city are encouraged.

There are few things in life as sweet as the sound of a big bore Corvair at full throttle, upshifting at 5500 RPM with open headers.

After the noise and tire smoke cleared on Sunday. The Whale had collected two trophies for the slow drags, and a Crowd Pleaser trophy. Around 1500 people had toured an



UltraVan; many for the first time.

Nominations for the Ernest Newhouse Award

We need nominations for the award for 2018. The qualifications are described to the right of this column. If you have questions, contact President Jerry Mello (see page 2 for contact information)

Here are all of the recipients so far:

- 1982 Edy Ryerson
- 1983 Fred Leary
- 1984 Threasa Vandersteeg
- 1985 Gus Brining
- 1986 Len Ryerson
- 1987 Louis Griggs
- 1988 Mory Snyder
- 1989 Mel Dinesen
- 1990 Jim Craig
- 1991 Pat Fitzgerald
- 1992 Warren Suckow
- 1993 Bob Franz
- 1994 Norm Helmkay
- 1995 Dan Reinhardt
- 1996 Maybel Griggs
- 1997 Marlene Craig
- 1999 Howard Boso
- 2000 Jim Howell
- 2002 Marion Helmkay
- 2003 Diane Galli
- 2004 Bob Galli
- 2005 Marsha Boso
- 2006 Dr. Ron Zoutendam
- 2007 Lew Young
- 2008 Jim Davis
- 2009 Nancy Pratt
- 2010 Jean McMasters
- 2011 Brenda Standal
- 2013 Roy Davis
- 2016 Shelley Young
- 2017 Clyde Stanton



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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



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Please send me your address and I will let you know what postage will be. Eric Kirven, 3585 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 <u>Ultravan345@Yahoo.com</u>





It was a little rough getting enough content for this newsletter. I know in the winter months most are hibernating, but spring is here now.

I understand. Since moving to Michigan, we haven't done anything with snow-bound Turkel. Normally, we would have taken a local cruise almost every weekend and I know of two events we normally attend.

With nicer weather coming, I am expecting members to send me articles and pictures from shows and their projects.

Whales on Wheels (WOW) is the quarterly publication of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc., (UVMCC) a chartered chapter (#008) of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). Established in 1966, UVMCC is dedicated to the preservation, enjoyment, and use of the Ultra Van, a 22 foot, unique, motor home, which was designed by David Peterson and built in Kansas until 1970. About 365 units were built.

UVMCC is open to anyone with an interest in Ultra Vans. Annual dues are \$5 for an emailed newsletter and \$15 for a mailed newsletter. Application and payment should be made to the Treasurer.

Make checks payable to Ultra Van Motor Coach Club and mail to:

Owen Strawn, 434 So. Lexington Rd., Wichita, KS 67218

Stories, articles, photos, memorabilia, or any other item for publication should be sent to the editor. Send newsletter submissions to WOW by email to the Editor:

Molly Bacon, mollybacon@yahoo.com

Digital submissions are preferred, but even hand written are acceptable. Mail to:

Molly Bacon, 5425 Morrow Road, Gladwin, MI 48624

Authors are asked to submit at least a photograph of themselves for the article with any other relevant photos.

Technical material will be sent to the Technical Editor for review.



Things To Do On Your Eastern Division Rally Trip or any trip to this part of the Midwest

By Gary Anderson

The Eastern Division rally June 7-10 in the greater Detroit area presents a wonderful opportunity to delve into automotive history. Within striking distance of the rally, there are a number of interesting museums.

Dearborn, MI. The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and the adjacent Greenfield Village are not to be missed. <u>https://www.thehenryford.org/</u>. You could easily spend a day in each.

Detroit, MI. The Detroit Historical Museum has a broad focus on local and regional history, much of which was driven by manufacture of the automobile. One exhibit includes an actual assembly line. <u>https://detroithistorical.org/</u> My wife likes the nearby Detroit Institute of Arts, which accumulated its great collections when Detroit was a wealthy city. <u>https://www.dia.org/</u> Not to be missed is a drive-by of the abandoned Michi-gan Central Railway Station. <u>http://historicdetroit.org/building/michigan-central-station/</u>

Ypsilanti, MI, home of the 3.5 million square foot Willow Run factory, originally built by Ford to produce B24 Liberator bombers during WWII. It later became the primary Corvair production facility. The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum is housed in the world's last Hudson dealership. Its featured automotive stories are Chevrolet Corvair, Tucker, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, and General Motors Hydra-matic; all with Ypsilanti connections. <u>http://ypsiautoheritage.org/</u>

Flint, MI, Home the Buick automobile and leaded city water. (Be sure to fill your belly tank with unleaded before arriving) The Sloan Museum's 20th Century Gallery interprets the impact of the automobile on the area and the country. The adjacent Buick Automotive Gallery and restoration shop is modestly sized, but also well worth visiting. <u>http://flintcultural.org/sloan.htm</u> and <u>http://flintcultural.org/buickgallery.htm</u>

Lansing, MI, is Michigan's capitol and home to the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum, featuring the Oldsmobile marque. Not as flashy as some, but well worth visiting. <u>http://reoldsmuseum.org/</u>

Hickory Corners, MI, home of the Gilmore Car Museum. <u>https://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/</u> Huge. Classy. This is one of the premier auto museums in the country and it claims to be Michigan's #1 destination. If you like old cars, don't miss it. Hickory Corners is a village north of Kalamazoo.

Museums I like (and several I haven't yet visited) that may be on your way to or from Michigan:

Cleveland, OH, home of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and the Crawford Automobile and Aircraft Museum. <u>https://www.rockhall.com/ https://www.wrhs.org/research/crawford/</u> Our first visit.

Dayton, OH, home of the Wright brothers and the associated Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. <u>https://www.nps.gov/daav/index.htm</u> Also, the National Museum of the US Air Force (large, interesting, and FREE). <u>www.nationalmuseum.af.mil</u>. America's Packard Museum <u>http://www.americaspackardmuseum.com/</u>.

Warren, OH, home of the Packard brothers and the early Packard Motorcars prior to relocation to Detroit. The National Packard Museum is a nice, medium-sized, museum devoted to one of America's most prestigious marques. <u>http://packardmuseum.org/</u>

Auburn, IN. Don't miss the Auburn/Cord/Duesenburg (ACD) Museum. Classic cars (with a capital C), displayed in classic Art Deco architecture (the Auburn Automobile Company's headquarters building). Both are stunning. <u>http://www.automobilemuseum.org/</u> The National Automotive and Truck Museum (NATMUS) is located on the same factory grounds. It specializes in interesting vehicles of the type that we could afford. <u>http://natmus.org/</u> The Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum (encompassing all flathead Fords) and the National Military History Center are also located in Auburn. I haven't visited either of them because the ACD Museum is always my first priority. <u>http://www.fordv8foundation.org/</u> and <u>http://www.nationalmilitaryhistorycenter.org/</u>

Elkhart, IN, home of 80% of America's RVs. The RV/Motor Home Hall of Fame museum is here. <u>www.rvmhhallofframe.org</u>. The Elkhart County Convention and Visitors bureau has a list of area RV parts surplus stores and RV manufacturers offering free tours. <u>http://www.amishcountry.org/rv-travel/</u> The surplus stores I like are Johnson's and Bontragers, both in White Pigeon, MI, Ickes in Montpelier, IN, and RV Parts Nation and Factory RV Surplus, both in Elkhart. Check the web; you may find more.

South Bend, IN, home of Studebaker, Oliver farm equipment, and Wheel Horse garden tractors. The Studebaker National Museum has a great collection, beautifully displayed. <u>https://studebakermuseum.org/</u>