

# Whales on Wheels

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### Prez Sez:

Another UVMCC rally is history. It was extremely difficult this year to get Ultra Vans to the rally. Of the five west coast coaches that intended to go, none made it. I drove to California to help my brother, two had mechanical issues before they left and the other two had front suspension problems; then one of those two blew an engine. Carl and Fran Jones soldiered on in a rental car for the last day's journey to Creede. What troopers! It is apparent to me that we need to make a change to the way that we are getting together for rallies. I love it when we are able to get 8 to 10 coaches together but it's getting harder and harder to make that happen. Carl Jones is heading up a committee to look into making revisions to our club bylaws to bring them up to date for what makes sense for the age of our coaches and our members. There is a copy of the bylaws attached to the newsletter. Please read them, and if you have any suggestions for bylaw updates please get them to Carl at [carlofsumner@gmail.com](mailto:carlofsumner@gmail.com).



**Prophetic, possibly, but unfortunately, the sign said it all.**

**Only one Ultra Van was able to make the rally**



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Item	Price
Club badges	1st one <i>free</i> at a rally or \$5.00 for a replacement
Miniature Cloisonné Ultra pins	5.00
Cloisonné Ultra earring set	\$7.00
Cloisonné Ultra pendants (chain not included)	\$3.50
"NEW colors" Ultra Van Coffee Mugs	\$10.00
"Corvair Powered" bumper stickers	\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
DVD of Ultra Archives	\$5.00
DVD Ultra Coach Owner's Manual by Len & Edy Ryeson	\$5.00
VIN # plates (blank)	\$3.00
Booklet "From Covered Wagon to Ultra Van" (limited supply)	\$5.00
3 ½" X 4 ½" Stitched patches w/ Ultra on US map & flag	\$3.00
Tech tips, sets 1 or 2 (limited supply)	\$13 + shipping each mailed
Club Roster (printed)	\$5.00
Window decals UVMCC with Ultra	\$1.00
100,000 Miles Club plaque (Awarded at rally)	<b>FREE</b>
Postcards and note cards	Various prices
Hand-made Specialty Whale items (keychains, bookmarks, fan pulls, lanyards, etc.) (contact Molly)	Various prices
<b>Available while supply lasts:</b>	
Tombstone Rally t-shirts	\$15.00
Tombstone Rally magnets	\$3.00



UVMCC National Rally, 09/16/2019—09/20/2019, Kearney, NE, Kearney RV Park and Campground, for more information, see page 14.

## Welcome to our new members

Chuck Hoppe #330 from Florida  
 Damien Lee and Christine Tulk #337 from Arizona

Welcome back to Phil Domser #535, who's been away for a couple of years  
 and Gary Sonnenschein #553 who has been away for 12 years

### Hand-made specialty "whale" items

By Molly Bacon

I started making beaded jewelry items during 9/11 when I made beaded flag pins using seed beads and safety pins. Since that time, over the years, I've amassed a "zillion" beads and charms of all kinds, plus lots of design ideas besides just necklaces and bracelets.

This spring, I got the idea to make a couple of items for door prizes at the Eastern Rally, which unfortunately never happened. I searched and found whale charms and beads and incorporated them in items like keychains, zipper pulls, bookmarks, fan pulls, and lanyards. I showed them to Patty Mello, our chief merchandise lady, and she thought they were a great idea to add to the regular merchandise. So, I made more and some fancier ones for the National Rally. Many of those are left over since the Rally had its own misfortunes (read about that later).

I don't think these should be a rally only thing, hence this article to introduce everyone to what I have made and can make. All the items I just mentioned; whatever you want, in whatever color combination you want, even combining themes (hearts, cats, animals, letters, etc.) with the whales. Contact me by phone or email (see my info on page 2) and describe what you'd like. I can also send some pictures of what's left from the rally.

Here are a few examples:



Bookmarks (\$8.50)

Keychains/Zipper Pulls (\$7.50)

Fan Pulls (sorry no good pictures) (\$10)

Lanyards, (\$10)

Clear Lucite whale earrings (\$3.50) - can also be a charm to make something else

The whale charms and beads I have available to make new items.

This is the first of two accounts of the Rally. As editor, I couldn't pick one over another. Plus, it's so hard to get members to write and contribute to the newsletter, so I didn't want to leave one out. And finally, this is the National Rally they're writing about, THE event of the year!

## Creede Rally Survivor's Tale

Gary Anderson's behind-the-scenes account of how it became such an exclusive event.

**Background:** In the lead up to the Creede rally, things were looking good. By recent standards, the anticipated turnout was promising. Then there was a crack in the dike. Larry Forman (#545, Sacramento, California) announced that he and Rosie would not be able to attend due to a variety of electrical and mechanical issues that needed sorting. (So let's blame this on Larry! Everybody in favor?) Around that time we learned that President and rally co-hosts Jerry Mello (#333, Albany, Oregon) and his bride, Patty, had been called to California due to grave medical issues facing Jerry's brother. While both couples would be missed, their absence wouldn't significantly affect the rally. The remaining co-hosts, the Bells (#404, Boring [*I'm not kidding*] Oregon) and the Jones' (#400, of Sumner, Washington) had it covered.

Doug Bell helped facilitate our purchase of UV #420, the Hindenburg. We owe him. But we're conflicted as to precisely *what* we owe him. Sometimes we think it's a favor; other times we're convinced it's a single-finger salute. It all depends on how the Hindenburg is doing. About a week before we left for the rally, Doug called. He and Meg would be unable to attend due to a combination of electrical gremlins, plumbing issues, and a brand new, not-yet-broken-in engine. Three down. This was starting to hurt and it would leave Carl and Fran Jones holding the bag as hosts. Would Olga and I would be willing to help the Jones'? Of course.

**The Trip:** We planned to make a presentation at Creede about next year's Ultra Week Rally plans, so our first destination en route was Kearney, NE, to meet with next year's host, Sherry Morrow, and take pictures of the local sights and facilities.



Next stop was a motel in the western 'burbs of Salt Lake City. This was our base camp for attending Speed Week at Bonneville Salt Flats. Speed week was a bucket list item for me. For Olga, not so much. She stayed behind in air-conditioned comfort and worked on her computer files. After just one day at Bonneville (very interesting, but hotter than the hinges of hell), my sunbaked gizzard thought I could check Speed Week off the bucket list. (We Minnesotans are notoriously averse to heat.)

We spent two more days touring the SLC area, then decamped for higher elevations in search of cooler weather. We found it where southeastern Idaho abuts Western Wyoming and northern Utah. We visited an encampment of Mountain Man re-enactors, drank some of their shrub (strictly in the interest of preventing scurvy, mind you), attended a small county fair (3 sheep, 4 chickens, and a goat), and saw a rodeo featuring not-yet-ready-for-prime-time local cowboys. It was a fun way to celebrate our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary! (Sorry it wasn't Venice, Dear.) Oh, and I was kidding about the number of animals. I'm pretty sure there were more goats.

**Rally week.** As we were about ready to depart Idaho for Colorado we heard from the Jones', who planned to rendezvous with Howard and Bonnie Joseph (#392, Sutter Creek, CA) in Grand Junction, CO in several days time. The next time I heard from Carl, the Josephs had suffered catastrophic engine failure in northern Nevada. They were looking for a place to store their Ultra Van and a way to get home. Ouch! In one of these conversations, Carl also told me that the Hansons (#460, Mesquite, NV) wouldn't be able to make it because the new fuel injection system hadn't panned out. And, uh, the Por-

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ters (#T2022, Pearce, Arizona) had issues that precluded bringing their Tiara. At best, their attendance at the rally was a definite maybe. Oh, and would I please make caramel rolls at the rally? Also, at about this time Will Panzer (#538, of Taos, NM - probably the closest coach to Creede) had to cancel due to health problems. Rally attendance was heading straight to hell in a handcart. It was also apparent I'd be the only director or officer in attendance. If I were able to successfully buck the trend and actually reach Creede, I'd be holding a directors meeting with myself and presiding over an annual meeting with several people in attendance. But I wasn't driving the Hindenburg and the Lincolnater was running strong, so there was hope.

**Thursday morning.** As we were about to leave Durango for Creede, Carl called again. The Righteous Coach had a broken lower A-arm and was blocking one lane of traffic somewhere between Grand Junction and Delta, CO. Fran hadn't filed for divorce yet, but tension was mounting. Carl needed to find a roll-back wrecker, a competent repair shop with aluminum welding skills, and a way to transport rally supplies to Creede. Would we cover for them at the RV park while they dealt with more pressing issues? Sure. Why not? If there was a bright side to this rolling disaster, it was that UVMCC's Eastern Division might end up hosting what was left of a West-sponsored national rally. That would confer major bragging/trashing rights! If it happened, I'd make sure they never forgot.



Fortunately/unfortunately, it was not to be. The ever-resourceful Carl found a wrecker, a competent repair shop, *and* a rental car. Something else he found was that he forgot to check the box for towing coverage on his insurance application. (Oops.) **Late Thursday night.** Carl and Fran showed up in an overloaded rental car with an ice chest full of food, goody bags, a stack of nice-looking rally T-shirts, a bunch of door prizes, clean underwear, and another war story to add to his arsenal of Ultra Van tales.

Mountain Views RV Resort is a very upscale park filled with high-end RVs and their expensive toads. At the gate, there was a lighted sign that read, "WELCOME ULTRA VANS." When we pulled in Thursday afternoon dragging a lowly (gasp) *popup tent camper*, it was the equivalent of real estate block-busting. You could almost overhear the people on our street saying, "There goes the neighborhood."

**Friday (Day One of the rally).** Treasurer Owen Strawn and his wife, Lori (#500, Wichita, KS) arrived in Alternate #500, the family SUV. Good news! The Treasurer is a member of the Board of Directors, so this avoided the problem of me having to look at a mirror and talk to myself at the board meeting. As explained elsewhere, the Strawns had not expected to attend the rally at all and could only stay for the day. We moved the board (bored?) meeting from Saturday to Friday and convened it at the picnic table in front of the Popup Palace. Cocktails weren't involved, so the meeting was fairly coherent.



The Porters showed up that afternoon and were warmly greeted. They stayed with their son and daughter-in-law, who brought a travel trailer from Colorado Springs. When our heroes, Kevin and Leslie Sullivan (Corrales,

**Friday at Bear Lodge, a community room at Mountain Views RV Resort. Front to rear (left): Fran Jones, Olga Anderson, Owen Strawn, Terry Porter. Front to rear (right): Carl Jones, Gary Anderson, Jim Davis, Roy Davis, Lori Strawn, Linda Porter**

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New Mexico, #474) arrived late that afternoon, the sign at the gate now read, "WELCOME ULTRA VAN." We gave them a standing ovation. Believe me, you're royalty when you arrive in the only Ultra Van at a national rally. Certainly a first. Carl and Fran, with assistance from my bride, Olga, served a tasty lasagna welcome dinner. Then people went next door for the kick-off concert of the music festival. Since I'd been asked to make caramel rolls for breakfast, I retired early. Couldn't sleep. Finally, I got up, searched by flashlight for ingredients and hardware to bake with, and crept out of the camper to the accompaniment of the neighbor's barking dog.



**Saturday.** 12:20 AM: Lots of big commercial equipment in the Bear Lodge kitchen, but no cooking utensils and no kitchen counter to work on. How does this work? I retrieved a measuring cup from the camper without waking The Princess. The dog was another story. 12:30 AM: I Make dough by hand using the sink drainboard as a work surface. While the dough rises, I brown a roast and put it in the crock pot to make shredded beef. Then back to work on the dough. @#\$%!!! No rolling pin. The only cylinder available is my large bottle of tonic. If I use it as a rolling pin, the tonic will go flat. "Desperate times call for desperate measures" and "waste not, want not" come to mind, so I make a large gin & tonic. That makes me happy. Also hungry. Fueled by gin, Carl's cocktail peanuts and left-over cheesecake, I roll out the dough, make caramel sauce (minus one key ingredient) and put a pan of rolls into the oven. Forewarned by Fran and Olga's high-altitude baking experience with last night's lasagna, I raise the temperature and extend the cooking time. It still takes about twice as long as normal and the dough collapses, presumably of exhaustion. By 3:30 AM the caramel rolls (perhaps better described as caramel biscuits) are baked, the gin is gone, and I'm back in bed. I sleep until nearly 8am, when Carl wakes me up for the kitchen key so he can make coffee.

We gather for breakfast. Members politely refrain from commenting on the caramel biscuits. Afterward Olga and I struggle



gle with assembling a computer slide show for a presentation about next year's rally in of computer skills in our East and West division-The East consists of the Andersons. Roy getting herself put day and Olga is slide presentation.



**Breakfast at the Lodge—Left rear: Rally heroes, Kevin and Leslie Sullivan, owners of #474, speaking with Olga Anderson and Jim Davis. Foreground: Roy Davis, Linda Porter and Fran Jones**

Kearney. Not a lick family. At 10 am the al meetings start. the Davis' and is apparently still together for the working on the That leaves Jim

and I to discuss the location for a regional rally. Thank God the Kramers are contemplating organizing one in Ohio. Other options are considered, but none adopted.

At 11:00 the general meeting starts. Carl volunteers to take notes. Discussion centers on (surprise!) low attendance at rallies. We discuss the future of the club and we talk of relaxing bylaw requirements that prohibit the scheduling of regional rallies within 30 days of the national rally. We also discuss the possibility of relaxing the requirement that national rallies be held in the area between the continental divide and the Mississippi River. There is general agreement that our demographics are against us.

The coaches and the members are all aging, with a resultant reluctance to travel long distances. We discuss how to encourage younger members. We also talk of combining our national rally with the CORSA (national Corvair club) convention or scheduling it sequentially with the CORSA convention, as was done with the Whidbey Island regional rally/Tacoma CORSA convention in 2014. Based on earlier conversations with Jerry Mello, he is well aware of the problem and had already appointed Carl Jones to start looking into updating the bylaws. Carl intends to assemble a geographically diverse committee to come up with recommended bylaw changes for consideration by the membership. I make a short presentation on next year's rally in Kearney and we adjourn at noon. The roast in the crock pot could use more cooking time, but we eat it anyway. "Slow cooking" takes on a new meaning at 8854 feet.

The afternoon schedule calls for free time and a chance to attend Creede's outdoor music festival. After weeks (months?) of drought, it rains. Go figure. We visit the Sullivans in #474, a



Miners Restaurant

coach with a great, mostly-original, interior. If our walnut paneling had looked that good, the interior of the Hindenburg wouldn't be gutted right now. In late afternoon we go to downtown Creede for the rally banquet at Miners Restaurant, then back to the Popup Palace for some much-needed sleep.



RAIN!!



Sullivan's #474

**Sunday.** Late breakfast at the Bear Lodge with extended conversations over coffee. Afternoon rains of near-Biblical intensity. As noted in Jim Davis' account, Chuck and Cyndie Hanson arrive from a visit elsewhere in Colorado. They couldn't stay long, but we enjoyed their company. The Sullivans head home in what I'd call the Coach of the Year to continue preparations for their move to Florida. Both generations of Porters leave for their respective homes, and our hosts, the Jones', have to depart for Grand Junction to pick up their coach on Monday morning. They announce that we are welcome to continue with the rolling part of the rally. (Not part of our plan, anyway, as we had done it two years ago.) When the hosts leave, even we know the party is over. Olga and I retire to the Popup Palace, relax, open a bottle of wine, make fajitas for dinner, then go out to explore Creede and take pictures in the evening light. Where the canyon narrows at the upper end of Creede, we discover the Bachelor Loop Historic Tour. It's 17 miles of dirt road connecting historic area mines. There are no other vehicles about at this time of day. It's too late to do much, but we start up the road to see as much as we



Mining Town

can before dark. Lots of interesting wooden mining structures dotted along the steep, narrow, road. As we learn later, the great majority of people who drive this road have and Jeeps, with Anderson vehicles. We're forced to



Mining Structures

steeper and rougher and the rear times spin as they struggle for traction. starts to bog because it can't develop the slow speeds required to negotiate the ruts. To the great relief of my bride, I vow to turn around next time we encounter a place wide enough to do so. After some backing and forthing, we slowly creep, and occasionally skid, back down the canyon. We call it a day. Thanks, Lincolnater. You done good!

can proceed very slowly because parts of the Then it gets wheels some- Next, the engine much torque at



Rough road

**Monday.** We're outta here, taking the scenic route (that's code for dirt-road shortcuts) on the way to Rocky Mountain National Park. See you next year in Kearney!

## A Not So Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the National Rally

By Carl Jones

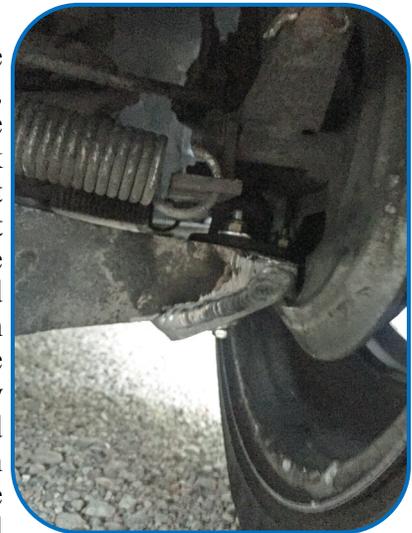


Remember when you were a child and your Dad or Mom would drive over that undulating road and your stomach would get that funny feeling and you would say, “faster, Dad/Mom, faster” just so you could feel that feeling again!

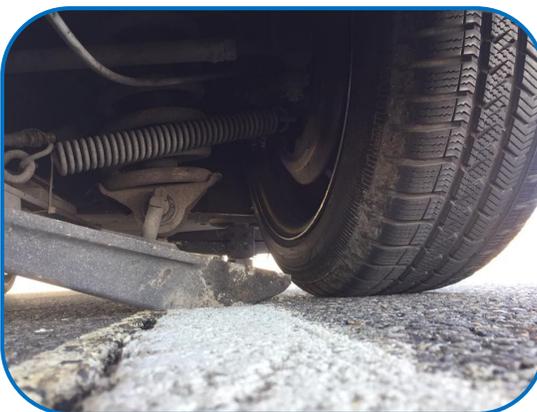
Well, Fran and I were traveling along I-50 just southeast of Grand Junction, Colorado on our last day of travel to this year's National Rally and we felt that feeling again and again and again and again! I said to Fran, “the Department of Transportation wants us to feel like we are in the old west with all the ups and downs we are doing!”. Fran was about to answer when all of a sudden I was saying “HOLD ON”. I thought we had blown a tire as the coach lurched from the right hand lane to the passing lane and then almost into the ditch in the middle of the interstate before I wrested control of RC and managed to guide it back to the right side of the road and onto the shoulder and then to a stop. Fortunately, there weren't any other cars behind us or they would have gotten the shock of their life.



After getting control of my senses, I gave Fran my manly retort to our predicament, “No problem, we just blew a tire, I'll have it changed in 10 minutes and we'll be back on the road”. Boy, was I ever wrong! Not only did I NOT blow a tire, but when I got out of RC and made my way around to the driver's side it was still fully inflated. I did however notice that the Righteous Coach (RC) was sitting substantially lower on the driver's side than the passenger's. I quickly deduced that something more severe had happened. I got in front of RC and got on my hands and knees to see if I could see what was wrong, but I couldn't get a good



view, so I laid down on my stomach and saw what I never wanted to see, a shiny piece of metal laying before me in a position that was unnatural. I had broken an A arm! Actually, it was not only broken but the bolts were stripped out of it as well.



I got up from laying on the hot pavement and went back inside to tell Fran about our situation, *a catastrophic failure!* That's right, we weren't going anywhere from here except to a storage facility and then renting a car (one way to Washington) for a 1,165 mile trip in the opposite direction from our destination. That was my original thought! By the time I got back inside RC, talked to Fran and then the insurance company to get a tow, I wondered if the A-arm could be repaired.

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## Righteous Coach Woes (cont.)

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After several conversations with fabrication shops and a willing tow truck driver we took RC to DW Metalworks in Grand Junction, what a great find! Brian, a young man in his early 30s, has perfected his aluminum fabrication and welding skills. He removed, repaired, and reinstalled the A-arm within a few short hours.



I'm getting a little ahead of the story though. We arrived at DW Metalworks at 5:15 PM and everyone, but the owner and the manager, had left for the day. The manager wasn't certain he could rebuild the A-arm until he had someone take it off and investigate and that would be the next day, Friday, which is the day the National Rally began. We decided we couldn't wait at DW because we were the Rally hosts and had all the "stuff" in our coach that was needed at the Rally. We decided to rent a car and drive to the Rally (5 hours away) and call DW the next day to determine if they could fix the A-arm. The owner drove us to the airport to rent a car, we returned to DW about 45 minutes later and the manager had stayed after closing so we could load all our stuff and all the Rally stuff into a Nissan Sentra and head for Creede. We arrived at 11PM, unloaded the Sentra and fell into bed for a quick night's sleep. I received a call from Brian at DW around 1 PM on Friday. When I returned his call he said, "it's done". I was amazed that he not only got the A-arm off, after 50 years of use, abuse and rust, but he fixed it and put it back on. All in a few hours! What a great job it was too. The A-arm made it home over the next several days without so much as a bolt loosening. We did stop at Chuck and Cyndie Hanson's home in Mesquite, Nevada and did a wheel alignment. Thanks, Chuck and Cyndie!

While the Rally will be covered by Jim Davis and Gary Anderson in detail in another story in this newsletter, I would just like to say we had a great time with those that attended and were lucky to have a bed for the days in Creede in a friend's RV as he and his wife summer in the RV Park we were in. Is there a moral to this story? The one I take away from this adventure is that you should prepare your coach as well as you can before you start out, but be aware that an emergency can occur. Also, I have found that almost everyone wants to help someone with an Ultra Van; take advantage of that fact.



**2018 Ultra Van Rally (account two)**by **Jim Davis**

**T**he Davis' in Hurricane Hazel departed San Antonio on August 17<sup>th</sup> heading west on I-10 through the Texas hill country and the Chihuahuan Desert. The weather in San Antonio has been about 100 degrees since late June so we knew what to expect. Fortunately, the air conditioners both worked well, so we were able to enjoy the scenery in comfort. We were greeted by a couple of showers as we pulled into the RVP in Fort Stockton.

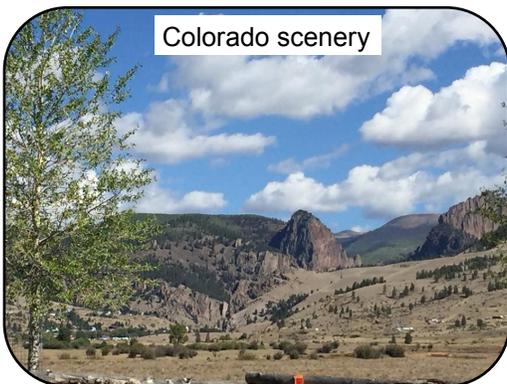
On the road by 8am, all went well until a temporary road sign alerted us to the fact that I-10 was closed through El Paso. I alerted our Garmin GPS to that fact and it (the voice is Jill, so I will refer to the Garmin as her) informed us to take the 375 bypass. I learned long ago to trust Jill so off into the mountains we went. It was a long 3<sup>rd</sup> gear climb to the top of Smugglers Pass (5,280 ft). Fortunately, it was Sunday, so the traffic was somewhat light. Cedar Cove RVP on Elephant Butte Lake was a welcome site even though it was 101 degrees at 4 pm.

Monday was a later morning start as we only had the short 140-mile trip to Albuquerque. My first station in the USAF was Kirtland AFB, so lots of memories as we cruised down the same streets where I started my Air Force career some 56 years ago. It was Kirtland where I met Roy 54 years ago and married her in the base chapel (which is still standing). The base has a huge 120 spot family camping area (Fancamp) which was basically unoccupied, so we were set for a couple days.

The next morning, up early to beat the 95-degree temps, gas up, and off to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History which happened to be just outside the Base's Eubank Gate. I renewed a lot of memories there including visiting RB-52B, tail number 0-20013, the first B-52 I ever worked on. She was new then with only 2,800 flying hours but during those hours she had dropped 21 nuclear weapons in testing, the most of any aircraft. I spent most of the morning relating my adventures at the Air Force Special Weapons Center to the museum's docents and explaining the relationships between the Atomic Energy Commission, the Defense Atomic Support Agency and the Air Force Special Weapons Center.

Wednesday was the travel day; 260 miles north with no mountain passes, only a gradual climb on a deserted two-lane road. It was nice to finally find some cool weather.

Our first full day at Creede started with a beautiful, cool morning at the Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RVP. Actual-



ly, for us, being used to 80 degree lows and 100 degree highs, the 44 degree morning temp was very cold. This was the first night in the 8 days travel when we did not run the air conditioners. The



park is beautiful sited along the bank of the Rio Grande River with San Luis Peak (14,014 ft) right out the windshield some 12 miles away. Roy and I spend the day wandering around the campground and looking at some beautiful coaches. The front row at the RV park contained the "Cajun Mafia" from southern Louisiana and when we mentioned we had spent 8 years in Louisiana, they invited us to their luncheon of red beans, rice and andouille. I must say those folks do know how to cook. We parked across the road from the eight spots reserved for the registered coaches coming to the rally.

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## Rally Account 2 (cont.)

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They are beautiful, full hook-up sites facing the 12,000+ ft mountain to the south in a resort RV park. There are 180 full hookup spots in the park of which 80 are for short-time stays (less than 30 days). We are parked about 100 ft from Bear Lodge, the smallest of the three meeting areas (seats 60) which Carl had reserved.

Thursday evening Gary and Olga Anderson arrived in their Town Car pulling a pop-up and parked directly across from us. Gary updated me regarding Carl and Fran's adventures with the broken A-arm and told me that Owen and Lori Strawn, who had not been expected at the rally, would attend on Friday. Since the Andersons were tired from their day's drive, we each called it a night.

When we finally got-up Friday morning, I saw that Carl and Fran Jones had arrived by rental car. Fran was walking their dog while Gary, Owen and Carl were in Gary's pop-up having a discussion on how to modify the rally schedule to accommodate those attending. We managed to pry them out of the meeting and cajoled Owen and Lori to take the two of us into town for lunch at MJ's cafe. All agreed it was good food for a resort town of 297 full time residents. We all met again about 5pm for a lasagna feed provided by the hosts. Just before sitting down Terry and Linda Porter arrived with son, Billy, and daughter-in-law, Cynthia. While renewing our acquaintances, THE Ultra Van arrived. It was Kevin and Leslie Sullivan from Albuquerque. Fortunately, there was enough good food for all. Owen and Lori said their goodbyes and headed back home, as Owen had to be back at work designing Cessna aircraft Monday. We adjourned for the country and western concert at the theater in the RVP.



Left side—Jim Davis, Owen & Lori Strawn, Right side— Roy Davis

Just after 8 am Saturday morning, we assembled for announcements, coffee and goodies, and the latest revision to the schedule (3b). We spent the morning in in the regional and general meetings where there was an interesting series of discussions. Carl agreed to chair a bylaws revision committee as the last revisions were in 2006. If you have suggestions for changes to the by-laws, Carl is the person you need to contact, not Jerry. The minutes of the general meeting will be published later in the WOW. The decision was made to move the banquet up to Saturday night (Revision 3c) as most restaurants here are closed on Sunday night.



Near Miners Restaurant

Gary and Olga provided lunch for the group while Carl and Fran searched for a suitable banquet facility. The banquet was held at the Miner's Restaurant. Carl announced that the names on the ballot were all approved for their respective offices and the next year's Ultra Week Rally will be in Kearney, NE. The time frame will be mid-September. Hopefully the second week, as the third week is usually the "Rail-fan Days" at North Platte. I have attended twice before, so we will attend again, I hope.

Sunday morning at coffee, Chuck and Cyndie Hansen arrived. We were informed of Chuck's latest engine and fuel injection woes. Interesting to note that both Chuck and I have lost contact with Ray Sedman. I hope it is not permanently as I have known Ray for over 20 years. The Porters' left for Arizona, the Jones' for Grand Junction to retrieve the "Righteous Coach", and the Sullivans departed for Albuquerque. The Andersons head back home tomorrow and the Davis' head to Chimney Rock National Monument and on to the Sky Ute Casino CG.

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What a great day, Tuesday. Lunch at a fantastic Thai restaurant in Pagosa Springs (Thai Pagosa) and the afternoon at Chimney Rock exploring the ruins and wondering why I am so ignorant of our country's past. A beautiful evening drive on CO-151 through the southern Ute reservation led us to Ignacio. What a magnificent campground, 30 very large concrete, level spots with full hook-ups for \$20 per night. Carl you did good. We went into the casino for beer and chili, then called it a night.

We had a late morning getup, Wednesday, as we had heard about the gray wolf exhibit at the Southern Ute Cultural Center right next to the casino and the center opened at 10 am. What an experience - the exhibit was done by Jim & Jamie Dutcher and was to promote the reintroduction of the gray wolf to the southern Colorado Rockies. The exhibit was all we had hoped for, but even more interesting was the history of the Southern Ute people. As a side note, the formal peace treaty between the Ute and Comanche nations was signed on July 24, 1977 in Ignacio, CO. Next back to Pagosa Springs for more Thai food. Fortunately, the restaurant was still serving at 3 pm. The trip down the valley to Chama was different, all rolling hills with high mountains on the sides. We have stayed at the Sky Mountain RVP many times in the last 20 year and always enjoy the stay with Bill and Cathy. They always find us a place on the river. Another night of drinking beer and gossip around the campfire. We skipped Mesa Verde because after the Chimney Rock experience, as we knew that neither Roy or I were up to the hikes and ladders demanded by the Mesa Verde tour at 8,600 ft.

We had reserved space on the 10 am train for Thursday and Bill was on time to carry us to the depot. I had toured the rail shops twice before, so we sat around talking with the other rail fans until the "all aboard" call was given. This was our fourth trip on Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Not many coal burning steam railroads in existence anymore due to the expiration of the US boiler code exemption for steam engines 8 years ago. Now all steam boilers (stationary or mobile) must meet the same specification. Congress exempted all mobile boilers from the stationary boiler code for 160 years, then changed their minds. The trip was as expected, and the weather was warm and sunny. The mikado (#488) did herself proud hauling six cars up to Cumbres pass (10,022 ft). The food and fellowship made it a wonderful time.



As Roy has surgery scheduled for early September, we had to head back to San Antonio and the heat. Hazel made the 2,560-mile trip without a whimper. The only maintenance required is to change the oil in the generator (150-hour schedule) before the next trip and to wash the coach.

Hoping, we will see you next September. An interesting note - the 2001 Ultra Week Rally, hosted by Jim Craig, was held in Minden, NE at the Harrell Warp's Pioneer Village. Think - 9/11/01. I highly recommend you plan to spend a day at Pioneer Village, but a minimum of two days is recommended if you are into Americana. The automobiles and house cars, alone, take a while to see. Minden is 15 miles south of the Kearney RVP.



Also, Chris Shade's place is just 40 miles East in Hastings <http://shadesclassiccars.com>. Bring lots of money as his cars aren't cheap but they are beautifully restored.

# DACC Homecoming—Aug 23—25, 2018, Plymouth, Michigan

by Molly Bacon

This is one of the best car events we've ever been to. This year was our eighth time attending. DACC is Detroit Area Corvair Club based in southeast Michigan. They have what can be called the world famous hospitality room. If you go away hungry, there's something wrong with you. There is food available from Thursday afternoon until they clean up and vacate time sometime on Sunday.



Food, Food and Hospitality

All meals are included and finalized by a pizza party, drive-thru awards banquet.

Their vendor area is one of the better. I heard one vendor say he made more money in a couple of days than all week at the CORSA Convention. Don't think there probably isn't anything there for an Ultra Van. If you are running a Corvair engine in your Ultra, there's no shortage of engine parts and goodies. There are also great tech sessions.



Vendor row



Auction



Tech Session

Speaking of goodies. They have a live, fund raiser auction. Lots of interesting items and fun watching people bid on things.

More fun are the valve cover races. Paul Piche, UV #389 really gets into racing.



Aerial View

Another benefit of registering is the ability to go to the GM Heritage Center. This General Motors-owned display is not open to the public; it's by invitation only. The cars and the display changes every year. There may not be any Ultra Vans, but it's really interesting to see what's on display each time.



Cars and Ultras



GM Heritage Center



Paul Piche and valve cover racers



Perspective from the Piche's coach's front window

All of the registrants have a ballot to select their top 25. No classes to worry about, just pick 25. Why 25, part of what you receive as a registrant is a next year's calendar featuring picture of two of each of the top 25 per page and the Best in Show on the cover.



Paul & Margo Piche



Yes, that's #328 Turkel back there



One of the top 25

Speaking of Top 25, though Turkel was in attendance, it was Paul Piche's coach was selected as one of the top 25.

**Way to go, Paul.**

# 2019 Ultra Van Motor Coach Club National Rally Kearney, Nebraska September 16 - 20 , 2019

Welcome to Kearney, Nebraska!

Plan to spend a few days of your vacation next year with us! Kearney is a convention community in South Central Nebraska! We have a population of about 30,000. There are many activities tentatively planned for the week. In addition to the usual



things you do with in the Rally group we'll also be touring the Classic Car Collection, The Great Platte River Road Archway, the New Blue Print Engine Manufacturing plant, and many other "hot spots"!



Several spots will be reserved in the "Kearney RV Park and Campground".



If you choose not to bring your Ultra Van, stay in one of our many hotels and join us daily for the activities. Please bring the kids and grandkids as we have a lot to do in Kearney for all ages. And we need to get more families involved with the Rally.

As the year progresses, there will be more specifics about the Rally in the newsletter. You will receive a registration form and campground reservation information.



If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me: Sherry Morrow, 308-440-5384, 713 W 29<sup>th</sup> St, Kearney, NE 68845 [morrow@unk.edu](mailto:morrow@unk.edu)

I have the membership booklet, but very few faces to put with the names so let's see if we can meet some new people and have some fun.



See you next September!

**Rally Hostess: Sherry Morrow**

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UltraVan Owners  
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**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). Incorporated in 1967, 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:

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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.



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# Bylaws of THE ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC January 2006

## ARTICLE I – AUTHORITY

### Section 1

These Bylaws are in accordance with and are dependent on, the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION filed with the Secretary of State, State of California, dated October 19, 1967. Identification – California 0534733

### Section 2

The Corporation may be terminated only by (A) deliberate action properly initiated and approved by the general membership, or (B) cancellation of authority by the State of California.

## ARTICLE II – NAME AND ADDRESS

### Section 1

The corporate name is; ULTRA VAN MOTOR COACH CLUB, INC.  
A Chapter of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA. (also known and referred to as CORSA),

### Section 2

The above designation shall be used in all government or legal official business transactions such as, insurance reports, contracts, bank accounts, etc.

### Section 3

For internal Club purposes shorter expressions such as; ‘The Club’, ‘Ultra Motor Coach Club’, ‘The Corporation’, etc. may be substituted. In all such use, the abbreviation will be interpreted as equivalent to the full title.

### Section 4

The Corporate address is: UVMCC, 7011 Sunny Vista, Joshua Tree, CA 92252.  
Should a change of address be necessary a designation acceptable to the State of California must be maintained.

## ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

### Section 1

- A. Ultra Club was brought into operation and does now exist for:
- B. The utilization and enjoyment of a unique class “A” motor home of very limited production.
- C. The fraternal, travel, educational, technical and social activities made possible by these vehicles.
- D. The preservation and upgrading of the irreplaceable vehicles.
- E. To encourage safe, courteous highway travel and to improve conditions through legislation and publicity.

## ARTICLE IV – DEFINITIONS

### Section 1

An Ultra Coach is considered to be any one of several designs which includes the Ultra Van, Tiara and Travelon Coaches

## ARTICLE V – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

### Section 1

The Ultra Club is a non-profit, not-stock, “membership” organization based in California. Members may reside in any State or Country.

### Section 2

Club policies, procedures and programs are controlled by the membership observing the principle of “one vote per member/majority rule.” Control may be direct as in elections and business sessions, or indirect

acting through elected officials.

**Section 3**

The key word in Club management is "VOLUNTEER." Any willingness to serve in an elective or appointive position is recognized as simply a desire to contribute to overall welfare of the Club and not a request for recognition. The Club was built on volunteer effort; it must continue so.

## ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Notwithstanding that the eastern edge of the Mountain Time Zone separates Ultra Van Club membership into Eastern and Western areas, members may elect, by written notification to the Secretary, that they wish to be specifically associated with whichever area is most convenient.

**Section 1 Member**

A Member is any person, spouse, or domestic partner who agrees with the purpose of the Club and upon presenting application, with current fee and approval will be granted membership in the Club. A member is allowed one vote and is entitled to hold office in the Club.

**Section 2 Dues**

Any change in the annual membership dues will be recommended by the Treasurer, and must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. The annual dues provides one membership for one year for the entire family living at the same address. Dues are delinquent as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues for the those who join part way through the year, will be pro-rated to September 1<sup>st</sup>. and if not divisible by 12, rounded (up or down) to the nearest dollar amount (Ref. Appendix B)

**Section 3**

Membership may be canceled by:

- A. Resignation
- B. Failure to submit annual dues after notification
- C. Unreasonable attitude or activity found harmful to the organization

Note: Cancellation, because of paragraph (C) above requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4**

The Club will send two free Newsletters to new Ultra Van owners upon the Secretary's receipt of name and address.

## ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

**Section 1**

The officers are:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Directors Six positions Same job descriptions.
- F. Editor

**Section 2**

Individual position descriptions are incorporated in these Bylaws as appendixes C through H and L.

**Section 3**

For most business purposes all of the positions A through F above constitute the board and shall convene or consult, when so instructed. Positions (A) through (F) of Section 1 above must be filled by an individual person.

**Section 4 (deleted)****Section 5**

Officers, other than the President and Directors are elected for 1-year terms, the "Ultra Year," not the calendar year. Reference Appendix B.

**Section 6**

The President shall be elected for a two-year term and may not serve more than two terms in any six-year period.

**Section 7**

The Corporation is viable only when all positions are effectively filled. Annual elections are mandatory. Emergency vacancies will be filled by presidential appointment effective until annual elections.

**Section 8**

An emergency vacancy in the office of President is resolved by observance of a "schedule of succession" as follows:

- A. Vice President
- B. Directors, in order of membership seniority.
- C. Ex-Presidents in reverse order in service in the position.
- D. Available members, in order of Club seniority

**Section 9**

Any officer is subject to RECALL if it is determined that the individual is unwilling or unable to perform assigned duties. Incumbents of positions B, C, D, E, and F of Section 1 above may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the total officer complement. When a serious question involves the Presidency, the Vice President will assume chairmanship and call a board meeting. A unanimous vote of the Directors can declare a presidential vacancy, and proceed to fill the position in accordance with Section 8 above.

## ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

**Section 1**

Elections are a specific function (and strict requirement) of the National Rally. Prime responsibility rests with the Board of Directors (Reference Appendix C.)

**Section 2**

Nominations for any offices may be discussed and presented at any Regional Rally. At the National Rally all qualified nominations will be presented for the vote. Also, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the National Rally. If qualified nominations are delivered to the secretary in time to be included in the Newsletter, the secretary shall include them on the write-in ballot.

**Section 3**

There shall be six Directors, with two being elected each year (one each from East and West), all serve a three year term. The eastern edge of the Mountain Time Zone is the dividing line between East and West. However, members who have chosen an area of their own convenient association will be considered part of that area for election purposed. (See Article VI, Membership).

**Section 4**

Directors shall serve for terms of three years, except as noted above, with Directors from each area serving staggered terms. In no case shall more or less than three members be selected to serve as Directors from each area.

**Section 5**

The ballot shall list one or more candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Directors as required.

**Section 6**

A ballot shall be delivered (email or post) to each Member not less than 30 days prior to the National Rally. Spaces for write-in votes are to be provided.

**Section 7**

Votes cast by regular mail and email are to be combined with those cast in person, for final tabulation.

**Section 8**

Secret ballot is required and it is the Secretary's responsibility to ensure email votes are cast from a valid member email address.

**Section 9**

The final business meeting of the National Rally will install newly elected officers in an official ceremony; on that date and hour, the New Ultra Year begins.

**ARTICLE IX FISCAL MATTERS****Section 1**

The principal source of Club funds is the annual membership dues. Other Club activities provide minor input to the treasury. Funds generated within each area from the collection of rally fees etc. shall not be accountable by the Club, but should be disbursed for the purposed for which they were solicited.

**Section 2**

The annual assessment is "due and payable" on the first day of each National Rally. However, no delinquency is inferred until January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Treasurer is responsible to see that a reminder of this fact is sent with the August Newsletter.

**Section 3**

Possession of real property and bank accounts is a necessary and approved condition. Such assets must be sufficient to insure the expected needs of the Club.

**Section 4**

Funds temporarily inactive may be invested in interest producing investments on approval of the Board of Directors. Specific returns on such accounts will be subordinate to availability and security of the investments and no assets may be pledged for more than a six-month term.

**Section 5**

The Club Treasurer will without consultation or request, make disbursements for recurrent and routine Club expenses, subject to a required annual audit. Unusual expenditures will be made only in response to a "DISBURSEMENT INSTRUCTION" issues by the President. There is to be a quarterly itemized report.

**ARTICLE X CLUB ACTIVITIES****Section 1**

The fulfillment of Club objectives (Article III) involves a wide range of operations. The principle items are:

- A. The National Rally which is the primary forum for exercising corporate management
- B. A large assortment of local activities at many locations.
- C. Group caravans generally in connection with Rallies.
- D. Social activities. All types non-standardized.
- E. Publication of pertinent technical and educational material
- F. News service though Newsletter.
- G. Technical conferences, schools, seminars.
- H. A sell/swap service for critical items of limited availability, including complete coaches. (Ref. App. K)

**ARTICLE XI THE NATIONAL RALLY****Sections 1**

This annual event is a highlight of the Ultra Year, a time when members from East and West can share a few days together each year. It establishes a forum to discuss and formulate future policy revisions and formally indicts the officers who will guide the Club for the following year(s).

**Section 2**

The annual National Rally will be held in a location providing best possible access for the total membership. It will be held in an area of the U.S. with the east perimeter being the Mississippi River and the west perimeter being the Continental Divide. The specific location and arrangement of the Nation Rally selected on Even years by those east of the Continental Divide and the Odd years selected by those west of the Continental Divide, this being the responsibility of the President.

**Section 3**

The National Rally will be informally known as “ULTRA WEEK” and will occupy approximately that period. The exact duration will be as required to fully cover all business, social, and technical operations.

**Section 4**

Ultra Week shall begin not earlier than August 15<sup>th</sup> and not later than October 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Section 5**

Notification of the date of this event will be sent to all members at least nine months in advance of the specified date.

**Section 6**

Details of the National Rally agenda is to be in the Club newsletter preceding the National Rally and in possession of the members not less than 30 days prior to the National Rally.

**Section 7**

In addition to meeting the requirement listed above, the assembly is competent to conduct business only when a quorum is in attendance. A quorum is hereby defined as 5% or more of the club membership. Total Club membership is based on the records of the Secretary.

**Section 8**

There being only one annual convention per year, several meetings may be required to complete the session. Final adjournment is in order only after all business is completed including the following:

- A. All officers are installed.
- B. Arrangements are made for the prompt transfer of responsibilities and materials to the new Administration.

## ARTICLE XII LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**Section 1**

An individual who sponsors an event assumes managerial and financial responsibility therefor. A short informal report of “project completed” shall be submitted to the Secretary.

**Section 2**

There shall be no regional rallies within 30 days of the National Rally.

**Section 3**

Formal business meetings and the recording of “Minutes” are not a requirement or a function of local, area, or regional rallies. However, discussion of any phase of Club operation or management is most appropriate. If at all possible, one or more Directors from the appropriate area should be present and conduct such meeting, and any Club business to be forwarded to the President and/or National Rally for further action and must be transmitted through one of the Directors from that area.

**Section 4**

Local rallies shall be financially self-supporting.

**Section 5**

The Board of Directors will encourage regular Club meetings, at quarterly periods, (i.e. January, April and July with the National Rally in August/October period.)

## ARTICLE XIII COMMITTEES

**Section 1**

There are no “standing” committees, they will be appointed as required and deactivated when assignments are completed.

**Section 2**

The President appoints committees, sets general ground rules and specific time schedules. Completed projects are generally returned to the appointing authority but the President, may instruct the committee to report directly to the National Rally.

## ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS

### **Section 1**

The basic provision of Roberts Rules of Order (revised) are applicable and are hereby prescribed. The complete observance of "Roberts" is unnecessary.

## ARTICLE XV HONORS AND AWARDS

### **Section 1**

The Ernest Newhouse Award is established as the highest individual award granted by the Club. (Ref App. J)

### **Section 2**

The President may issue citation for particularly valuable contributions.

## ARTICLE XVI INSURANCE

### **Section 1**

The Club, as a Chapter of CORSA, is entitled to liability insurance for protection against actions which may be filed naming the Corporate Entity. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure this insurance coverage is in place for any Club event. This coverage does not replace or otherwise affect individual insurance held by Members.

## ARTICLE XVII RECORDS AND REPORTS

### **Section 1**

The official copy of these Bylaws will be in the possession of the Secretary. Copies are furnished to other Officers without request. Members may receive copies (or specific pages thereof) by request, plus a \$1.00 mailing fee. All official documents copied will be labeled "A true copy," dated and signed by the Secretary.

### **Section 2**

Reference copies of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation shall be available to Members, at each National Rally.

### **Section 3**

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### **Section 4**

Oher than Rallies, the principal media Club communications is the Ultra newsletter. The Editor will publish the Ultra Newsletter not less than four times a year. Input will be processed if received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication and at least 45 days prior to the start of "Ultra Week" for the pre-national Rally issue. The deadline for input to the next newsletter will always appear in the current issue. Changes to the size, format and frequent need approval by the Club Officers.

### **Section 5**

Ultra Newsletters cover a wide range of subject areas, official and informal. Other official items are obvious, based on source and signature. Informal matter may include just about anything of significance or interest to members.

### **Section 6**

Input for the Ultra Newsletter must be suitable for reproduction, as received, basic readability is the only standard.

### **Section 7**

Annual reports to State, Federal and other agencies must be made as required. The reports require the identification of certain Club Officers, Membership and/or Financial Figures.

## ARTICLE XVIII AMEMNDMENT OF BYLAWS

### **Section 1**

Amendments must be submitted in writing, signed by five or more members, Proposals to be addressed to the President.

**Section 2**

Each proposal received will be assigned an agenda action number based on date of receipt.

**Section 3**

Proposed amendments will be circulated to the total membership; said notices to arrive not less than 30 days preceding the National Rally. If less than 20% of the total document is considered for revision the full text will be furnished. Revisions involving over 20% will be condensed to summarize essential items in not than two pages.

**Section 4**

In all cases the full text of all proposals will be available “on site” for detailed study for not less than 48 hours preceding debate and voting activities.

**Section 5**

To amend requires a two-thirds “YES” vote of the ballots cast.

**ARTICLE XIX – REVISION – ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**Section 1**

Fundamental alteration of the scope, structure, or purpose of the organization will generally involve the dissolution of the existing Club.

**Section 2**

Dissolution will initially require a two-thirds “YES” vote, of all officers and directors. If this is done, the proposal to dissolve will then be submitted to the general membership 30 days prior to the next National Rally, along with the complete plan for reorganization if so deemed. If timing is such that a delay until the next National Rally cannot be tolerated, the proposal along with a ballot will be mailed to the membership for their approval.

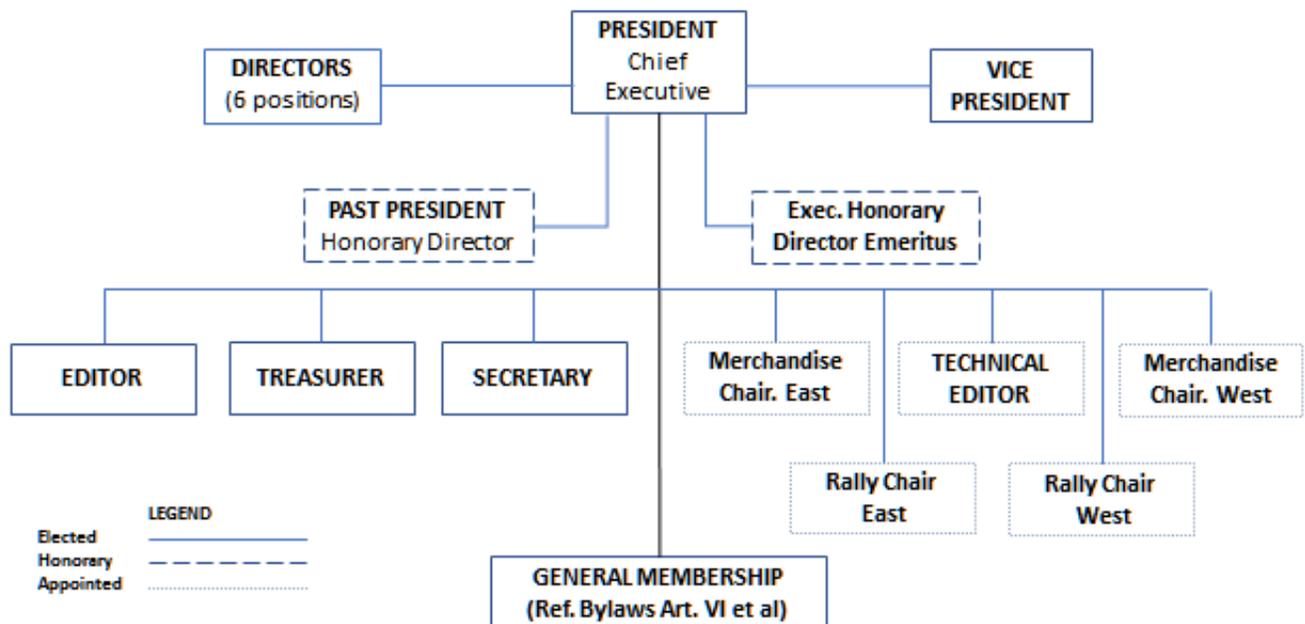
**Section 3**

Dissolution of major reorganization of the Club must comply with all pertinent regulations of the State of California. Competent legal assistance is essential in all phases of this project.

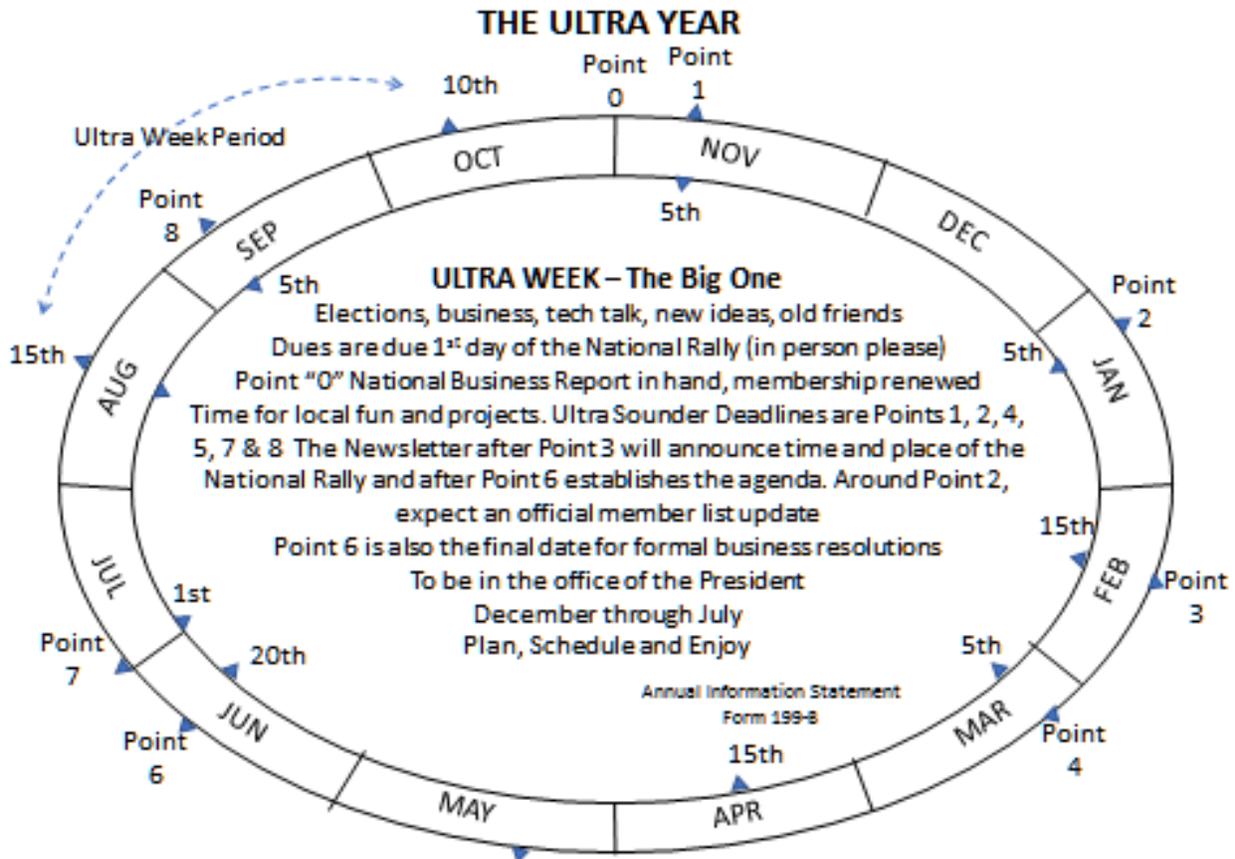
**APPENDIX A ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE (CHART)**

Appendix “A”

**ULTRA VAN CLUB ORGANIZATION CHART**



APPENDIX B THE ULTRA YEAR (DIAGRAMMATIC)



APPENDIX C POSITION DESCRIPTION PRESIDENT

Paragraph 1 Nature of position

- A. The President is Chairperson of all business meetings and conferences; the Chief Executive for program administration and Chairperson of the Board in all matters except two occasions (rare) described in Paragraph 4 herein.
- B. The President (as are all members) is subject to the Bylaws of the Corporation but is expected to apply the regulations in a moderate and flexible manner. Benefit to the Club (not administrative rigidity) is the aim.
- C. In major operations the Chief Executive has support from the Board (Appendix B and Article XIII). Many duties can be delegated; final responsibility remains with the incumbent.

Paragraph 2 Term of Office/Reelection

- A. The President is elected for a two-year term; (Ultra year is as set forth in Articles VII, VIII and Appendix B)
- B. A President may serve not more than two terms in any six-year period. No other conditions apply.

Paragraph 3 Rules and Responsibilities

- A. The President initiates or approves business transactions involving outside organizations, and acts on incoming correspondence from such agencies and issues financial disbursement instructions to the Treasurer as required.
- B. This Office is responsible for all phases of the National Rally. The approval of conference agenda and supervision of elections are particularly significant.

- C. The appointment of committees, study groups, project officers etc., and processing of materials produced.
- D. The President will maintain effective contact with other Club officers.
- G. Promptly fills any vacancy, in other officer positions. In critical situations the incumbent may personally assume an office until a qualified replacement is available.
- H. Appoints a Board of Directors committee, who secures candidates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and Editor year/years as required.
- G. Incumbent is responsible for the accuracy of the Club Calendar.
- H. A President may appoint a parliamentary assistant, who reports only to the Presiding Officer, not to the assembly.
- I. With a two-thirds concurrence by all other Officers may make proposed changes to the investment of utilization of Club “reserve” assets. Membership is to be advised, mail ballot or at annual meeting two-thirds vote required.
- J. The incumbent will notify the Vice President if a “period of unavailability” of ten days or more is probable. If the Vice President cannot be reached, the Secretary or any two Directors will be informed. (During a critical management operation any expected absence must be reported).
- K. Transmits to a “successor in office: and incomplete or “under consideration” projects, but exercises no other influence (except as Board Member) on such items.
- L. A President shall become an Honorary Director for two years following completion of his elected two-year term as President.

#### Paragraph 4 Limitation of Authority

- A. The Directors can, by unanimous vote, rescind a Presidential policy or decision determined to be harmful to the Organization during or beyond the current term of office.
- B. Also, by unanimous vote, the Directors may recall an incumbent determined to be unable or unwilling to fulfill the requirements of the office.
- C. A President participates in actions A or B above as a respondent only.

## APPENDIX D – POSITION DESCRIPTION – VICE PRESIDENT

### Paragraph 1 – Nature of position

- A. This office is primarily a safety element to ensure prompt emergency transition to the top management level.
- B. The Vice President is a fully effective member of the Board of Directors. Often heads committees, study groups etc.

### Paragraph 2 – Term of Office/Reelection

- A. Election is for one “Ultra Year.”
- B. No limitations, consecutive, total, or otherwise, are established – the annual decision of the voters will prevail.

### Paragraph 3 – Duties and Responsibilities

- A. In most instances the Vice President functions as a Director.
- B. Upon notification or observation that the Club President is unavailable for an essential duty, the Vice President will temporarily assume the top position. A written notice will be issued to the membership in the next Newsletter.

### Paragraph 4 – Limitation of Authority

- A. Subject to recall. Article VII, Section 9)

## APPENDIX E – POSITION DESCRIPTION - SECRETARY

### Paragraph 1 - Nature of position

- A. The Secretary is the official custodian of documents and records, except those specifically delegated to another office.

- B. The Secretary initiates and/or processes internal Club communications, and participates in external transactions.
- C. It is a Club policy that Members and Officers assist in all possible ways the operation of this office.

Paragraph 2 – Term of Office/ Reelection

- A. The term is one “Ultra Year”. No restrictions on reelection.

Paragraph 3 – Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Maintains the official reference copies of the Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws. Record additions, deletions and amendments, indication in each item the authority for the revision.
- B. Compiles and publishes the Club Membership Directory, certifies accuracy as required, especially on publication date and at opening of the National Rally.
- C. Deleted
- D. Deleted
- E. Deleted
- F. The official Business report of the National Rally is prepared for the President’s approval and is transmitted to total membership in the next Newsletter.

Paragraph 4 – Limitation of Authority

- A. Subject to recall. (Article VII, Section 9)

## APPENDIX – F POSITION DESCRIPTION – TREASURER

Paragraph 1 Nature of Position

- A. This position covers the custody, accountability and disbursement of Club funds.

Paragraph 2 Term of Office/ Reelection

- A. The term of office is one “Ultra Year.” No restriction on reelection.

Paragraph 3 Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Receives and deposits payments received from members and general funds derived from Club activities.
- B. This office maintains continuous attention to the overall financial status of the Organization. Confers with other officers on fiscal matters or problems. May recommend change in policy or procedure.
- C. Disbursement to meet established and recurrent Club expenses.
- D. For special or unprecedented expenditures over seventy-five dollars a Disbursement Instruction will be received from the President.
- E. Incumbent promptly reports to the Secretary each new/renewal membership fee received.
- F. A quarterly financial report is prepared and reported in the Club newsletter. Records are to be in form suitable for audit and transfer to a successor in office. Report to be made at the National Rally when requested.

Paragraph 4 – Limitation of Authority

- A. Subject to recall. Article VII, Section 9.

Paragraph 5 – Special

- A. The Club does not request or desire this position be covered by a “Surety” or performance bond of any kind.

## APPENDIX – G POSITION DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

Paragraph 1 Nature of Position

A central clearing house for technical ideas and developments coming from, or directed to, the Membership. Research and experimentation may also be involved. All material of a technical nature shall be forwarded to the Technical Coordinator of the Club.

Paragraph 2 Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Submit ideas and/or new developments in print and/or sketch for each newsletter.
- B. Chair or arrange for technical sessions at the National Rally.
- C. After perusal and evaluation of the material received, forward it as received, together with appropriate

commentary for next issue to the Newsletter editor for publication.

Paragraph 3 Selection Procedure

- A. An appointive position. The appointment is made annually by the incoming President.

## APPENDIX – H POSITION DESCRIPTION DIRECTOR

Paragraph 1 Nature of Position

- A. A Director occupies one of six duplicate positions providing general staff assistance to the President. This title distinguishes the function from other staff position of specialized nature.

Paragraph 2 Term of Office/ Reelection

- A. The term is three “Ultra Years.”
- B. One-year interval required before reelection.

Paragraph 3 Duties and Responsibilities

- A. A Director participates in policy and program development at the highest organization level. (Reference Appendix A.)
- B. A Director assists in the development and implementation of all Club activities set forth in the Bylaws.
- C. Assists any Member who is unsure of procedure for submitting a motion or resolution.
- D. Directors are expected to attend the National Rally.
- E. Will promptly notify other officers when a Corporate error or omission is observed or reported.
- F. Any emergency vacancy in the organization shall receive prompt and full staff assistance.
- G. When a critical vacancy cannot be filled by normal procedures, each Director is eligible for emergency appointment to the vacant position.
- H. A Director must participate in the investigation of the performance of an officer or member whose actions are in question. Voting is mandatory. Exception: An officer does not vote when his (her) actions are the subject of the investigation.

Paragraph 4 Limitation of Authority

- A. In regular business proceedings the Directors serve as a planning and advisory group, under the direction of the President. Directors do not issue instructions or policy decisions to other staff members or to the general membership.
- B. When acting independently of the Presidency (Article VII, Section 9) the Board of Directors represents the supreme authority of the Corporation. Decisions are final, subject only to ratification of the Membership at the next National Rally.

## APPENDIX – I PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS

Paragraph 1 “Roberts a la Ultra”

- A. Discussion and debate
  - 1) One subject at a time, (introduced by a proper motion, resolution or report)
  - 2) One speaker at a time. (following “recognition” by the chair)
  - 3) Speakers address the assembly, not each other. No private debates. (The number 1 violation, and the most troublesome violation “in the book”)
  - 4) A speaker adhering to the assigned topic, and within the stated time period, may not be interrupted by others or by the chair.
  - 5) Members desiring to address the assembly a second time on a specific subject, will be recognized after others have completed their first presentation.
  - 6) Discussion of favorable, or unfavorable aspects of a proposal during debate, does not pre-commit the final vote of the speaker. Also, the early announcement of an intended vote does not generally contribute to useful debate.
  - 7) Business debated by the assembly will be decided by a “show of hands” vote or similar process.
- B. The “Chair” (Functions, how to, how not to)
  - 1) The Chairperson is primarily responsible for promoting effective action by the assembly. This function is easily lost if the Chair becomes involved in detailed debate, argument, or in an effort to con-

- trol the outcome of the deliberations. (The Chair has one vote to be quietly registered at the proper time)
- 2) The Chair seeks and accepts, the decision of a proper majority, but is equally concerned with the rights of those on the minority side of a particular question.
  - 3) Members not present at a particular Assembly retain many basic rights. Foremost is the right to be informed 30 days in advance of major items of business to be acted upon. Also, to be informed as soon as possible following a conference, regarding actions taken.
  - 4) Members who are unsure of the proper form of presentation will be assisted not ruled "out of order".
  - 5) A request to the Chair for clarification of a matter under discussion must be given high priority. Why proceed when we are not sure what we are talking about?
  - 6) Beware of the "why can't we" type of question. It may be an opening for an extended speech by a questioner. It often puts the Member in the Chair, and the Chairperson becomes a sort of responding witness. The reversal is not always intentional there are many individuals who are actually unable to ask a question or make a direct statement. Try to get the statements in the positive form.
  - 7) Some provisions of Roberts are needed by full time debating societies, but not the Ultra. EXAMPLES: "The previous question" which has nothing to do with the previous question. A question of privilege is not even related to a privileged question. The "relative rank" of motions often causes more argument than the basic subject under discussion Etc. Ultra can do well without legal technicalities.
  - 8) The Chair ordinarily does not take action to close debate-and sometimes it really needs closing. Solution: Receive a motion from the floor to close debate (immediately, after 5 additional minutes, or at a specific time). This action insures that the matter will come to vote immediately as debate is terminated. A two-thirds vote is required.

#### Paragraph 2 Summary

- A. Reference Article XIV "technical proficiency in parliamentary law is not required of any Member or Officer".

## APPENDIX – J THE ERNEST NEWHOUSE AWARD

#### Paragraph 1 Background

- A. This award was established in 1982 as a permanent tribute to the Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newhouse, whose many contributions cover the total existence of the Organization.

#### Paragraph 2 Procedures

- A. 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 qualification as stated in "B" below.
- B. Basis for selection will be the individual performance during the entire period of membership. Not limited 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 varication. The President will forward each qualified report to the editor for inclusion on the Ballot.

- C. Members vote by ballot, preceding or during the National Rally. Nominations will be as specified in paragraph 2B. above.
- D. 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.
- E. The “Ernie Award” is the highest individual recognition that the Club offers. The Medallion will be worn at all Ultra assemblies.
  - F. All current Members are eligible.
  - G. The vote count for the Ernie Award shall no longer be reported. The Election Committee shall simply report the winner to the President.
  - H. The winner of the Ernie Award must have a minimum of 40% of the votes cast.
  - I. The President, at his discretion, may form a Selection Committee to assist him in carrying out the requires of his award.

## APPENDIX – K SELLS/SWAP/SEEK OPERATIONS

### Paragraph 1 Purpose

- A. Ultra Coaches being out of production can present some problems relative to maintenance and repair. Many members have by diligent search and clever substitutions, solved many problems, and sometimes have on hand items needed by other operators.
- B. A section of each Newsletter is reserved for the list of available items.

### Paragraph 2 Procedure

- A. Ads may be placed by sending readable copy by email or post to the Editor.
- B. Ads or up to six lines will be published in order of receipt and are to include a description, price, name, phone number and/or email address. Multiple ads are permitted after all single ads are placed and the ad space designated by the Editor for a particular issue of the newsletter is not filled.
- C. Ads are effective for only one newsletter issue.

### Paragraph 3 Related Operations

- A. Supplementing the above, each Rally provides the setting for direct negotiation. (Swap meet, Flea Market, etc.) These activities are essentially “wide open”.
- B. Outside Source advertisements, meeting aforementioned purpose, shall be made available or posted on rally bulletin boards by the Secretary.

## APPENDIX L – POSITON DESCRIPTION – EDITOR

### Paragraph 1 – Nature of position

- A. It is Club policy that Members and Officers assist in all possible ways the position of this office.
- B. The Editor must schedule, compile and print essential Club materials on a timely basis. Critical or controversial items are only to be referred to the President.

### Paragraph 2 – Term of Office/Reelection

- A. The term is “1 year. No restrictions on reelections.
- B. Is Editor in Chief of the Ultra Club Newsletter.
- C. Maintains reference copies of the newsletters.
- D. Compiles and publishes the Club Newsletter on a timely basis not less than four times a year.
- E. Receives, utilizes and accounts for any funds needed for the continuous function of the office.
- F. During peak load periods of the “Ultra Year”, the Editor supervised the work of volunteer assistants.
- G. Ensures the Official Business report to the National Rally is published in the next newsletter after the National Rally.

### Paragraph 4 – Limitation of authority.

- A. The Incumbent does not possess censorship authority. While controlling publication format and size, executive alteration of basic content and meaning is not a function of this office.
- B. Subject to recall. (Article VII, Section 9).