



Harold Washmuth rounded the corner on his windows using paint. Note the top of the large side window has been painted white like the rest of the van. It gives the ULTRA Van a longer more graceful line. I also like the treatment around the drivers window. Harold tinted the windows, using dark gray paint to match the window tint. He said your local paint store could mix a paint to match your tint.



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THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A TASTEFULLY DONE ULTRA VAN CALLING CARD.

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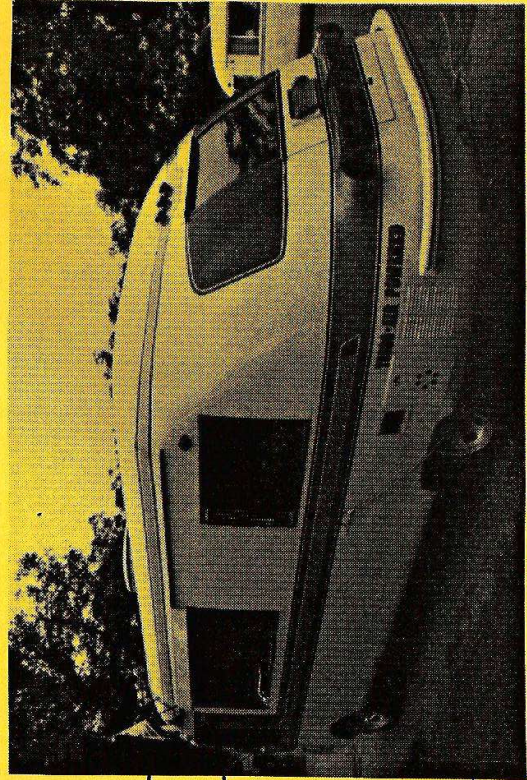
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was designed by David Peterson and built in Kansas  
until 1970. About 360 units were built. For a full  
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COVER PHOTO

AL POLUS'S AWARD WINNING #401 AT PALM SPRINGS  
GWFBT. NOTE SIDE WINDOW LINE BROUGHT DOWN WITH  
A SHADE, THE PAINTED LARGER REAR WINDOW, MASSIVE  
TAIL LIGHT CLUSTER AND TASTEFULLY DONE REAR BUMPER.

THE GREAT WESTERN FAN BELT TOSS AFFAIR  
" A VIEW FROM GROUP ULTRA VAN"

Group Ultra Van, once again participated in the  
annual Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet, Nov. 7-9,  
1986, at Angel Stadium, Palm Springs, Ca. This  
9th meeting was even more successful than those  
of the past.

An abundance of Corvair parts were on the grounds,  
Arts and Crafts for the ladies. The show cars were  
arranged by categories and were fairly judged by  
the people. What Beauties! What alot of hard  
work. In the end we were proud of Al and Kathy  
Polus #401 winning in it's class as the best for-  
word control in the event.

Those fan belts could be seen flying through the air  
as the experts tried their skills.

On Saturday night the crowd enjoyed a catered dinner  
at the Pavilion. After dinner, prizes were awarded  
to luckly ticket holders. Our group was fortunate  
to have several winners. Millie Eller #364 who  
won the biggie, a video disc player. Al Polus  
#401, won a leaf and trash blower.

Then came another high point, a ten piece band.  
The floor was cleared and dancing was instantly in  
progress. A fun filled evening was had by all.

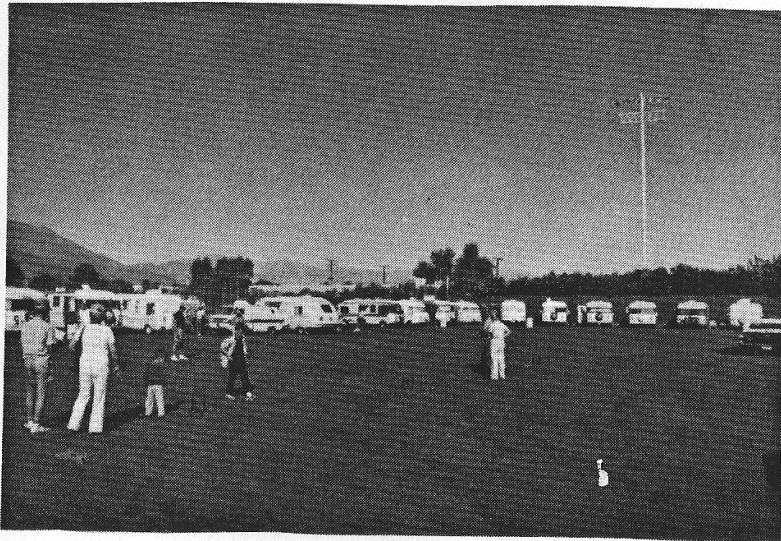
Back to Group ULTRA Van, we need only a place to  
park. That place, a perfect one, was there.  
Mother nature beamed her great smile right down on  
that semi-circle of ULTRAS. 18 ULTRAS and 4 family  
cars of members. The men lost in a Corvair world  
of their own. The ladies at work with their "pip  
and stitch", crafts.

Some time mid Friday afternoon, the word "Pot Luck"  
was heard. Ladies disappeared in their kitchens.  
At 5:00PM another famous ULTRA feast happened out  
on the grass in front of the ULTRAS. When we could  
no longer hold another bite, Jim called Len

Ryerson to the front and presented him with the Ernest Newhouse Award for his expert help and years of faithful work on the ULTRA Manual. We learned this was a unanimous decision by the entire membership of the ULTRA Van Motor Coach Club. No surprise to anyone but Len.

All good things come to an end. "So Longs" were said and people were on their way out about noon on Sunday. Let's do this more often.

Yours,  
Esther Snyder #489



ULTRA VANS LINED UP AT PLAM SPRINGS. NOTE PEOPLE IN FOREGROUND TOSSING FAN BELTS.



FRANCIS AND RUTH BOYDSTON #435 SELLING CORVAIR ITEMS AT THE PALM SPRINGS SWAP MEET.



From the President

Time has really flown by since the Texas Rally. Like the old saying, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." Hmm? Wonder who first said that? Anyway, a few things have happened out here in this Corner of Ultra-land. First, I no longer own #232 and we have gained a new member in Group Ultra Van. Mr. Darrell Woofter of Las Vegas, Nev. is the new owner. Darrell owns two other Corvairs and is a real Corvair enthusiast. Welcome to the Club, Darrell.

Now let's see, where am I going to start on #65 If I want to make the January '87 Arizona Rally, I guess I better start on the engine. Ok, enough of this personal stuff, let's move to the official subject.

Have you sorted out the two club titles that I talked about in my last report? Come on, you know the ones, "Group Ultra Van" and Whale on Wheels". Yeah, Group Ultra Van that's the one we call ourselves or the Club, right?

At the recent Palm Spring Rally I noticed several club members corrected themselves when they started to refer to the Club as "Whale on Wheels". We had a little laugh about it, but it looks like everyone is getting the point. Thanks folks.

I had one response to my request for a club logo design and that came from Mary Boso, #453, with some input from her man, Howard. In addition, I already had a couple of designs from Mark Morgan. (a local CORSA member) See suggestions elsewhere in this issue. I will wait until the last of January to get your suggestions and then we will decide which to use. So mail yours in now. Thanks Mary, Howard and Mark.

The club membership now (as of 12-7-86) consists of 75 Ultra Van Owners and 14 others for a total of 89. How about that! It looks like some of you out there have been passing out those membership applications to your Ultra buddies. Keep up the good work and let's top 100! Remember, that it is not necessary for a person to own an Ultra in order to join Group Ultra Van. No Sir, if the person is just interested or curious and wants to know more about these unique Ultras, furnish him or her an application and forward it with a check to the Club Treasurer.

A new application form will be included in each newsletter for 1987, so let's all get out there and make use of them.

It is my pleasure to advise you that the club now has an East and Western Director. In the Eastern area we have Pete Koehler, #465 and Western area, Bob Franz, #472. Both have a lot of experience in club organizations and will be an asset to Group Ultra Van. Pete recently retired from a long and successful tour as president of the Corvair Society of America and Bob has completed two successful terms as president of the Ultra Van Motor Coach Club, Inc., in 1984. Welcome aboard to you both.

Many Group Ultra Van members will be going to the UMCC, Inc. Rally on January 22-25, 1987 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Location is the Crazy Horse Campground. So Bring a friend and join in the fun.

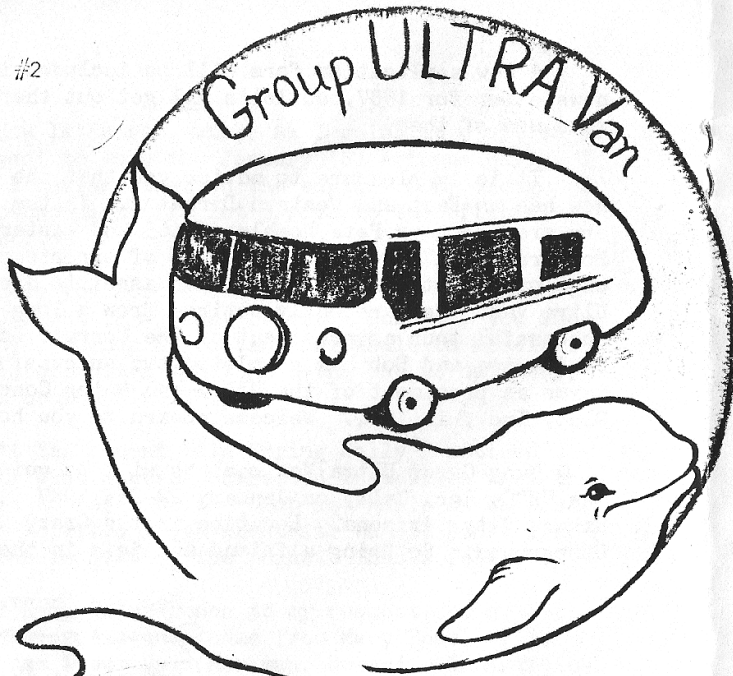
See you there,

*Jim Craig*  
Jim Craig, #65

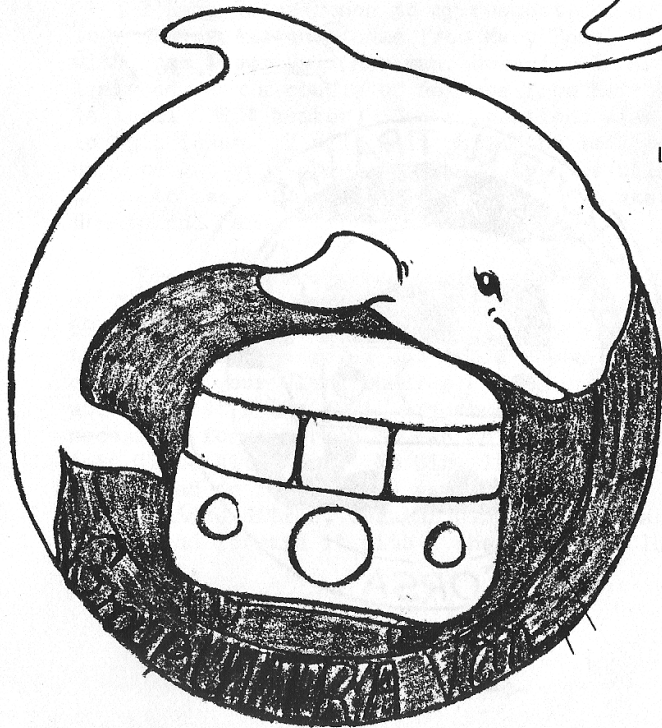
LOGO #1



LOGO #2



LOGO #3



Howard Boso #453, shows us where Mary got the idea for the club logo. Note the windshield cover. It's made of vinyl so no light comes thru. Also, Howard says, by not covering the entire window, you can see out of the sides when parked. This way you can still keep an eye out for someone approaching your ULTRA Van when parked. His unique front bumper is from a 1953 Chev pick-up. He cut it in two by mounting them on each side of the spare tire.

ULTRA WATER/WASTE PUMPS MODEL 3MPU-12V UPDATE:

The rebuild kit that was noted in the last issue, which was #SRK-2 contains a six bladed rubber impeller. This kit would be adequate for the shower drain, stool flush water and perhaps the overboard pump, but the pump that supplies your fresh water system should have a twelve bladed impeller.

It has been arranged as of Dec. 1, 86 that Proven Pump Corp. will now sell us a similar kit like the SRK-2, except that it will contain a twelve bladed rubber impeller. The new kit number is "SRK-2A", cost is \$10.50. Twelve blade impeller can be purchased separately. Part number is "P100-3", cost is \$8.00 ea. The three hole and four hole is P/N 3MPU-6C lower cover plates can be purchased also. \$4.00 ea, no part number available, just state your preference. If ordering by phone ask for Heather, if she is available.

Jim Craig #65

TIRES FOR THE ULTRA

The VW Vanagon (1987) model) are equipped with a new tire that should be good for your ULTRA Van also except, perhaps, the V8 powered units. The tire is a Michelin "MXL" size: 205/70R14 tubeless. Load capacity is 1580lbs at 40 PSI (cold). Tread is composed of 2 plies rayon and 2 plies steel. Sidewall is 2 plies of rayon. It has the "re-inforced" sidewalls. Price approx. \$65 - 70.00.

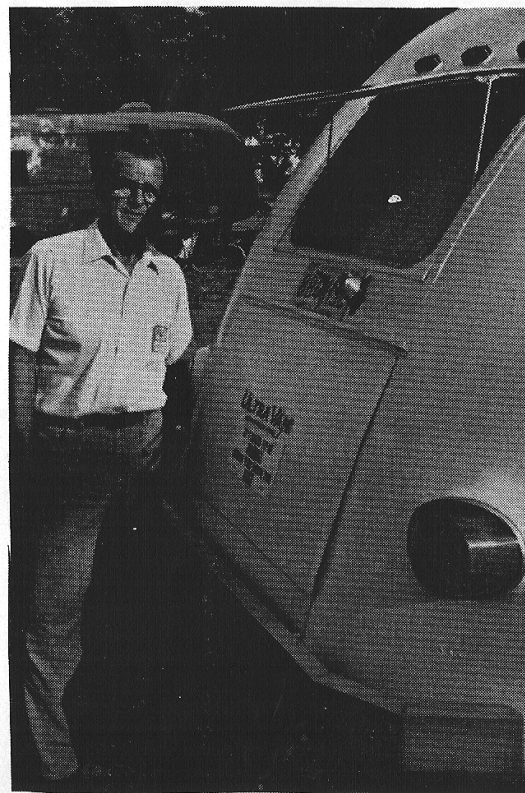
Another good tire for the lighter ULTRAS (who owns one?) is made by Armstrong, size: 700-14LT, tubeless. Load capacity is 1310lbs at 45 PSI (cold). It is six ply rated, load gauge "C", Model S.D-200. Measures 26" across (mounted on ULTRA). Tread and sidewall each contain four ply nylon, price approx. \$35-45.00

Jim Craig #65  
Stan Ozenbaugh #291

ALUMINUM TANKS FOR THE ULTRA

New member, Bill Kieth #274, can arrange for purchase of new tanks at \$95.00 ea plus shipping. Contact him at (208) 687-0786 or Route 3, Box 350 Rathdrum, Id. 83858. You can also, if previously arranged, pick them up at July '87 rally site in Idaho. (3 or 4 tank systems.)

Jim Craig #65



JEAN McMASTERS STANDS BESIDES HIS #303 WITH NEW TAIL LIGHTS. NOTE REAR WINDOW, OBTAINED FROM THE SIDE OF AN AIRSTREAM TRAILER. ALSO REAR BUMPER, ALUMINUM "U" CHANNEL.

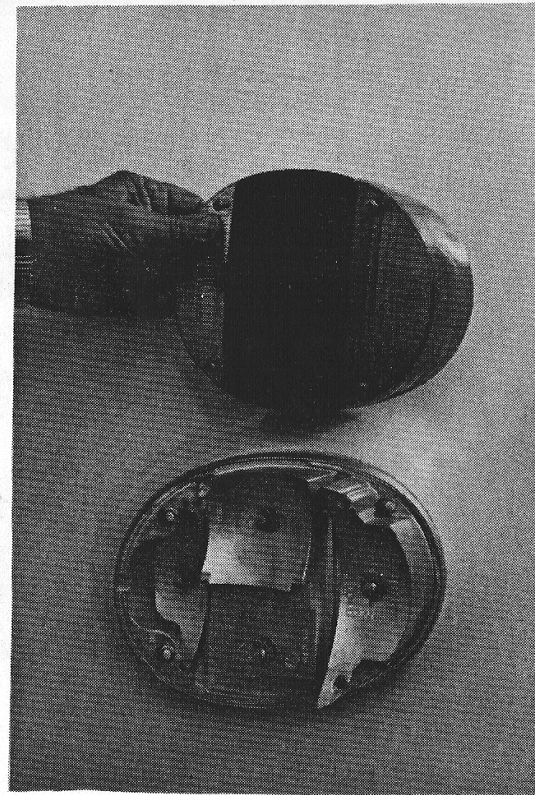
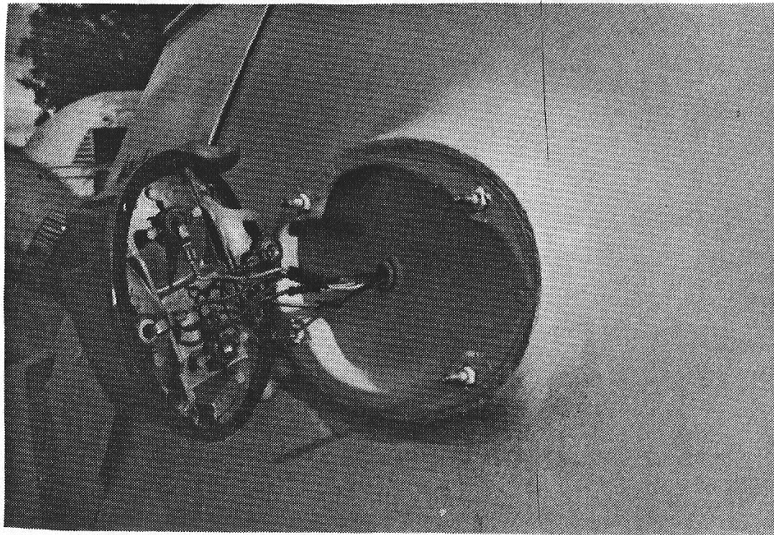
### NEW UPDATED TAIL LIGHTS

Jean McMasters #330 shows us how to put late model VW Bug tail lites on his ULTRA Van. Rotating them 90 degrees makes a perfect tail lite. It is round and blends well with the rest of the ULTRA Van.

Use a hand saw to saw off the old area of the tail lamp. Use a grinder to fit the back section of the VW lite into the newly cut hole. Use "fiber-Jel" to secure the back section of the VW fixture to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the mount. Then use bondo to shape and smooth the rest. An extra wire should be run to the back to hook up the turn signals, for they are amber (as they should be) and the stop lites are red (on a different circuit.).

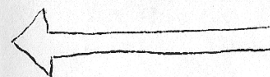
I have these lights on my Van and have found that people respect the turn signals and stop lights much better.

Auto wrecking yards should still have these late model VW Bug tail lights. These German tail lights are among the brightest on the road.



LENS COVER IS INSTALLED LAST.

McMASTERS HOLDS TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY TO SHOW HOW  
VW BUG LIGHT ASSEMBLY BACKING PLATE WAS INSTALLED.





Gary Grootenhaars #503, is shown with some changes, a custom door by Chance Fitzgerald. Side windows from an Airstream trailer and a roof vent over the refrigerator from an Airstream. The hub caps are from a 1980 Ford Mustang. Gary has more of these Airstream trailer windows for sale. You can contact him at:

1505 Quincy  
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Used, reconditioned and NOS Corvair parts, to numerous to mention- SASE for list.

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Jim also has one NOS R/H plain, uncut Ultra windshield. \$300.00. Will deliver to Jan. Rally.