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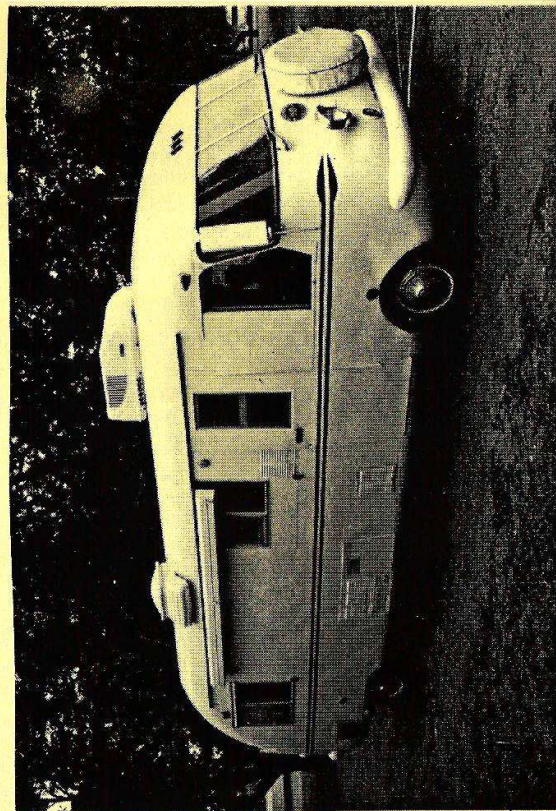
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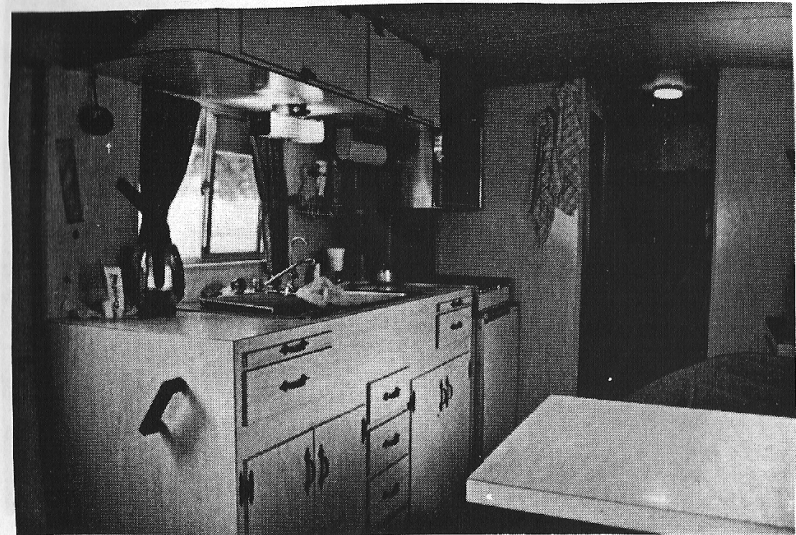
VICTOR HINDERLITER'S EXTRA LONG ULTRA VAN.
SEE STORY INSIDE

EXTRA LONG ULTRA VAN

Victor B. Hinderliter's #412, of Jackson, Mississippi,
is a special van for several reasons. It has two
extra feet added between the kitchen sink and the bath-
room. I asked David Peterson about this van and he
didn't have much information on it. It was built
after he left Hutchinson.

Victor likes the extra large double sink and kitchen
work area this van provides. It makes for a larger
storage area under the bay window behind the drivers
seat. The refrigerator is right next to the bathroom
with the stove on top of it. The oven hangs down from
the ceiling over the stove.

Victor tells me, that he has the stock 110 engine
pushing all of this. He didn't have a weight figure,
so we don't know how much more it weighs.

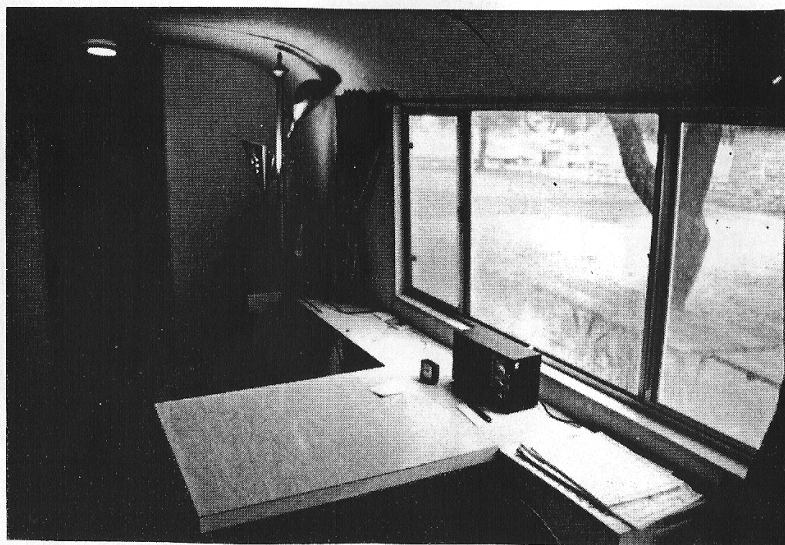


KITCHEN AREA OF VICTOR'S #412

On the cover photo, note the special vent on top of the van over the area where the refrigerator is located. I'm sure, this is to vent the refrigerator. Also note, that the standard refrigerator vents are still there just aft of the extra door. This leads me to believe, that maybe the extra two feet were an after thought of a customer after construction had been started.

I also believe, that it is the first van with the 3 tank fiberglass system, rather than the old 4 tank aluminum system.

Victor is proud of his van and we are fortunate to have someone like him taking care of such a special van.



BAY WINDOW OF VICTOR'S # 412. NOTE ALL THE AREA BEHIND WINDOW TO THE REAR

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is it really summer already? I was just beginning to enjoy the greenery of the countryside and new spring blooming of the early flowers and shrubs. Yep, the hot weather is here now, so summer is upon us.

This good weather should prompt you to get the ULTRA cleaned and serviced and lay out some plans for the next rally down the road.

UVMCC has a rally July 16-19 at Athol, Idaho and our own Group ULTRA Van has two scheduled as follows: July 21-25, Arlington Heights, Ill. (site of the CORSAs Convention and August 21-23, San Jose, Ca. (for additional details see the 1987 rally schedule elsewhere in this issue. And of course, don't forget the UVMCC National Rally in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Oct. 5-11.

Good news——The Group ULTRA Van patches have finally arrived and they are real beauties. They are 4 inches in diameter with a black border, with an ULTRA placed over the United States and an American flag. (see pg. 6 of the Winter 1987, Vol. V1, number 1, Whale On Wheels newsletter). Price of the patches is \$3.00 each or two for \$6.00 plus 50 cents postage. They will be available at any rally that I attend also, price the same, just minus the postage (such a deal).

The UVMCC will have to go along ways to outdo this patch. So be the first one in your block to proudly wear one. Make your check in care of "Jim Craig" and mail to my address.

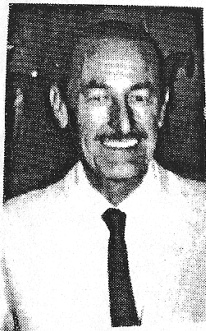
As you may have noticed in the last few newsletters, Christy has printed photos and provided short stories regarding members ULTRAS. If you would like to see yours in print, provide me with a variety of photos and brief description of your unit and include anything special relating to it. Who knows, you may make the cover of the next Whale on Wheels.

We now have 99 members as of last count. 120 should be easy to obtain by the end of the year. Providing, we all help. As an idea, use the last issue of your Whale On Wheels and show it to your ULTRA friend.

Perhaps he will say he already has seen it or if not tell him about all of the good things he is missing out on. And all for \$4.00 a year, how can you lose.

Safety: With the reinstatement of the 65MPH speed limit, in some areas, the slower moving vehicle is now more of a hazard than ever. Our ULTRA'S are big and white and should be seen by everyone. If you are in the habit of just cruising slightly over 50MPH it is recommended you consider the results of someone ramming you from the rear.

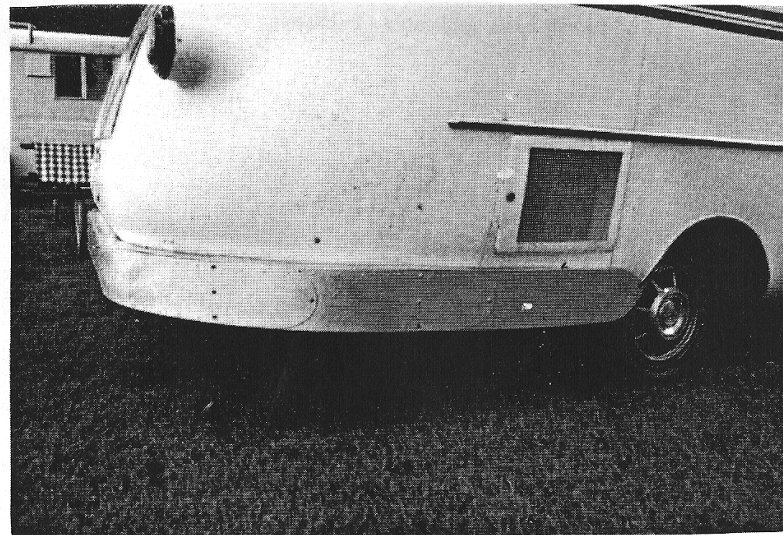
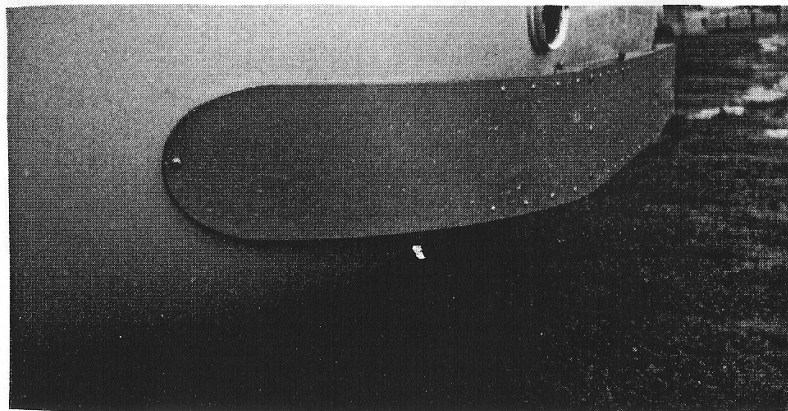
Till next time we meet, drive safe and enjoy that ULTRA.



JIM CRAIG #202



CUSTOM FRONT AND REAR BUMPERS ON
CHANCE FITZGERALD'S # 286



MORE ON DIFFERENTIAL FAILURES

Last month I talked about spinning the pinion on the shaft, I also talked about Locktite. Gus Brining #393, sends the following information.

"I have used Locktite but not in differentials. It is made in two (2) strengths.

#242-blue Med. strength

#271-red High strength

I just phoned my Napa store and they advise the #271-red is the one for your situation."

Also, on next page is some information that Bob Anderson of CIODO I, sent me. I recommend a new shaft if you are pressing on a new gear. If you write or call Bob, he may give you more complete information.

Bob Anderson →

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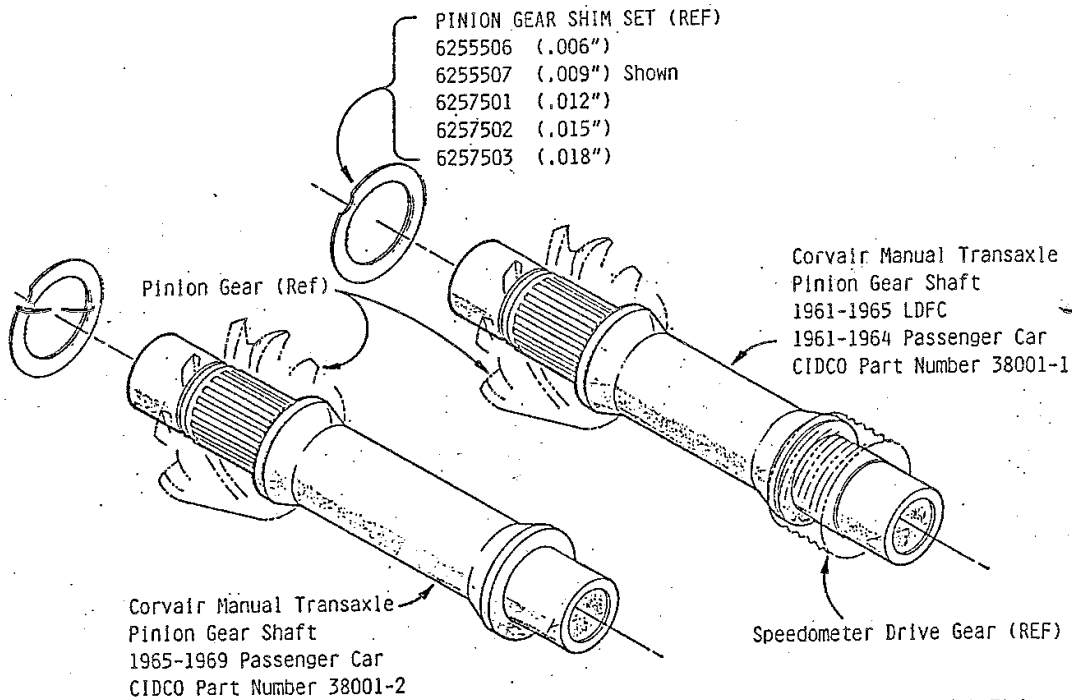
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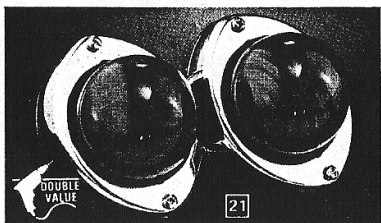
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TECH TIPS

How many times have you wanted to change lanes on the freeway and the vehicle in the next lane was far enough up alongside of your rig that he could not see that you had your signal on and flashing. We all have experienced that frustrating situation at least once. The problem can be corrected by the addition of a pair of yellow signal lights mounted on the left and right side forward of front wheel wells. K-D LampCo. Cinti, Ohio, makes a lamp especially for this. Part number is 856-3101 (1ea in box). Sold locally at Camping World as part number 1668. Lens is magnified and is really bright. Price per pair is \$19.95. (See picture below)

Jim Craig #202



21. 12V Side Turn Marker Light makes changing lanes safer! When you need to change lanes or make turns, this Amber Side Turn Marker Light makes sure that the other drivers around you know what your instructions are. Produces an amber side light with a bright 32 candlepower. Heavy-duty brass casing is chrome-plated to enhance the appearance of your RV's exterior. Measures 3 1/16" L x 2 7/8" W x 2 1/8" H. Amber lens is 2 1/4" in diameter. 12V. Uses standard 1156 auto bulb (included). Made in USA.
1668 Side Turn Marker Light, Amber, a pair Do-It-Yourself \$19.98

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE POWER REQUIREMENTS

COURTESY OF MOTORHOME MAGAZINE, June 1987

CHARTS: BRIAN ROBERTSON

APPLIANCE POWER REQUIREMENTS

TYPE	RUNNING WATTS
REFRIGERATOR	600-1000
MICROWAVE	700-1500
AIR CONDITIONER	1200-2200
TELEVISION	200-600
ELECTRIC BLANKET50-200
ELECTRIC FRY PAN	1000-1400
HAIR DRYER	500-1200
ELECTRIC IRON	500-1200
SPACE HEATER	1000-1500
RADIO	50-200
COFFEE POT500-750

Electrical appliance power requirements vary widely, and owners should make a point of knowing the ratings of the ap-

A/C SIZE	7,000 BTU	11,000 BTU	13,500 BTU
AMPS	10.5	13.5	16.0
WATTS	1,280	1,850	2,200

ELECTRICAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

pliances in their rigs. Air-conditioners typically require two to three times the rated running wattage for start-up.

CORVAIR FUEL PUMPS

Yes, there are more than one model of pumps for the Corvair. 1960 and 1961 Corvairs built before Nov. 1, 1960 were equipped with a pump diaphragm stem that extended 7/16 inch beyond the end of the lower portion of the pump. All other Corvairs had a stem that extended 3/16 inch. It would be safe to say that all Corvair powered ULTRAS were originally sold with the later type of pump. So, the next time you purchase a new or rebuilt pump, check the length of that stem before stowing it away as a spare for the road.

Also, don't keep a good used fuel pump stowed away as a spare. Reason? In time the rubber diaphragm that has been exposed to gasoline will dry out, crack and check while stowed away and probably will leak if used again. A sure thing for a nice engine fire.

Jim Craig #202

REAR SHOCK ABSORBERS

For those few of us that have a very early ULTRA with the early style Corvair suspension, I have recently found a real heavy duty shock that does a commendable job. It is sold by "Rough Country", 542 North Johnson Ave, El Cajon, Ca. 92020 or phone (619) 447-2457. Name of shock is "Rough Country, Mark 1V". Price is \$29.95 plus shipping. Part number is 6310-05.

Jim Craig #202

1987 RALLY SCHEDULE

July 21-25
Group ULTRA Van Rally
CORSA National Convention
Woodfield Hilton and Towers
Arlington Heights, Illinois (Chicago area)
Contact: Pete Koehler
(313) 478-0906

August 21-23
Group ULTRA Van Rally
Golden Gate Mini Convention
LeBaron Hotel
San Jose, California
Contact: Jim Bents
(408) 997-7438

October 5-11
Hot Springs National
Lake Hamilton Bible Camp
Hot Springs National Park
Hot Springs, Arkansas
Host: Dan Reinhardt
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Harold Starbird
(315) 458-2177



DAVISON'S
HALON FIRE
EXTINGUISHER.
NOTE TUBE AND
PLUG IN UPPER
RIGHTHAND
CORNER.
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MORE ON FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

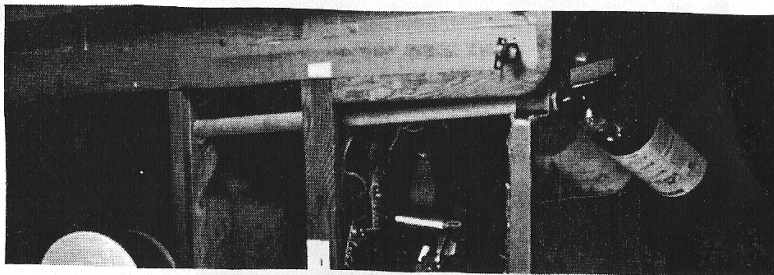
Walt Davison #366, sends information on his fire extinguisher system for his engine compartment.

Walt has his engine compartment sealed just as the stock Corvair is, so that any extinguishing agent discharged into the compartment will be confined to that area and therefore put out a fire. Walt uses only Halon extinguishers. He has found this is the best agent to use. It's non-corrosive and "Does the Job" as Walt says.

He uses a standard walk-around bottle, which can be used anywhere else in the van.

By the battery switch, he has installed a tube directly to the engine compartment. This is plugged with a cork like rubber plug. If a fire is suspected he unplugs the tube and points the extinguisher into the tube and discharges it. This will put out any fire that might exist, provided your electric fuel pump is OFF.

We have lost several van's due to engine compartment fires. The stock Corvair also has occasional engine fires. So if you care about your van, carrying an extra fire extinguisher seems a small price to pay.



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