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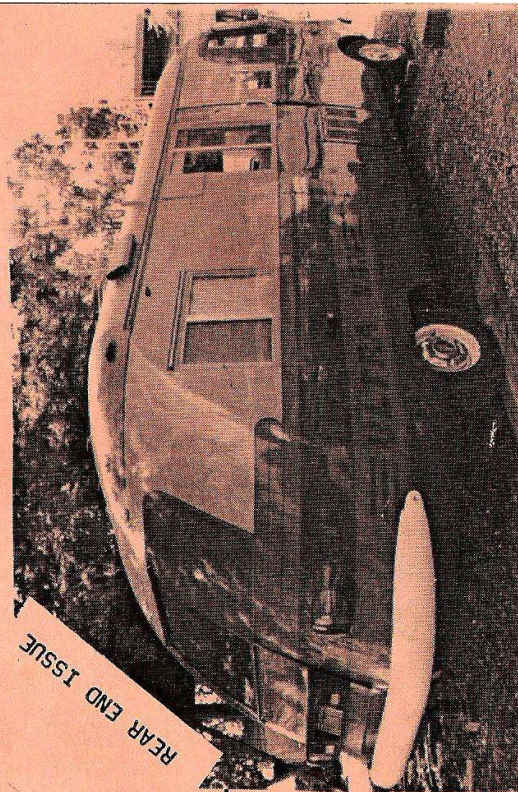
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YOUR EDITORS REAR END OF #228

Group Ultra Van's
membership now over 100

FROM THE PRESIDENT

These ULTRA Rallys are really great. Have you at-
tended one lately? If not, I encourage you to do
so. The trip to and from the rally can also be
enjoyable.

Being that Marlene retired from her job with the city
schools system as of July 4th, we left home on the
6th headed for the UVMCC rally in Idaho, which started
on the 16th.

After spending a few days by ourselves camping in the
Eastern Sierra Mts. of California, we visited friends
in Reno, Nevada. A day was spent touring some of the
casinos and the other places. Hmm? Really, it was
all clean fun. We bid our friends so long and de-
parted for Idaho.

The next evening after leaving Reno, we met a group
of ULTRA owners at Bob and Roberta Franz's place
on the Snake River in Southern Idaho, and had a fun
filled three days there seeing the sights locally and
to top it off, Robert's family hosted a big friendly
family bar-b-que of catfish, trout and all the trim-
mings you could think of. Real Western hospitality.
Robert's brother, "Ace", (That's short for a retired
truckdriver that tells tall stories) had us up at
the crack of dawn and after a story of how he shot
a pheasant in the eye at 300 yds with a .243 Win-
chester and at the same time holding a cup of coffee
in the other hand, it was time to leave. (And I
thought Texan's told tall ones!)

Anyway, do you get the idea that the rally is not
the only fun place? (See rally report)

We still have our membership drive going on, so
let's see if we can't top 120 members by the end of
the year. An application form is on the backside
of this issue.

The new shoulder patches are going fast. If you
haven't ordered yours, do so now. \$3.00 ea,

including postage. (See picture and info on back cover)

As a service to the membership and other's, we will start in this issue, a continuing FOR SALE section that will list all known ULTRA Vans for sale. The reason, or at least one reason for this is because a lot of Group ULTRA Van members don't have a Van and have joined us, hoping to find one they can purchase. If you know of a Van for sale, even tho it is not your's, please send the details to the Editor, Christy Barden.



See you in Arkansas,
Jim

EDITORS HALF PAGE

Our Treasurer tells me we have about \$339.00 in our club Treasury. The cost of printing over 150 and mailing over 100 Newsletters is about \$100.00 So we plan to keep our dues at \$4.00 a year. If our Treasury gets too big, we'll just lower the dues. The reason for Group ULTRA Van is to communicate. We do that by our newsletter.

I welcome all articals, photos, tech tips, experiences and catastrophies. We print the "Good, bad and in-different!" So whatever you have or feel, let me know about it, so it can be passed on! Also, please use our classified. It's free to members. Are you looking for a fuel tank, a quarter panel or a hard to find replacement? Then ASK! You'll never get it if you don't ask. We have a "Wanted Section" of our Classifieds as well, USE IT!

Christy Barden

RALLY REPORTS

The UVMCC Rally at Farragut State Park in Idaho, was well attended (25 ULTRA'S and 8 associates). Bill and Dee Keith did an outstanding job in planning and putting on the rally with several other assistants. The crafts and tech session were different than the usual, but very interesting and kept the interest up.

Many items were collected by the hosts for the auction, which by the way turned out to be the best yet.

For the dining out night, the hosts had arranged for a British doubledecker bus to pick us up at the camp ground, give us a tour of the town, deliver us to the dinner spot and then return us to the camp.

The camp site was really beautifully situated in the trees and we all would like to have stayed longer, but other roads beckoned us on. Most departed on Sunday, some for a night stopover at the Keiths place, where we enjoyed another good pot luck and got a chance to look over Bill's collection of Corvairs.

Bill and Dee bid us farewell the next morning and we were off to Montana and Canada. The end of another great rally.

San Jose, Ca. The Group ULTRA Van Rally

With a month having passed since the UVMCC rally in Idaho, we found ourselves at San Jose ready to enjoy the Corvair Mini Convention.

Four ULTRA Vans were at the event. Not outstanding, but a lot of people were interested in the Vans and asked alot of questions. This event was for Corvairs of course and they had a really good turnout. The parking lot was full of good looking Corvairs of all models competing for the People Choice Award. The Concours cars were in an upstairs room of the hotel.

It was a very nice setup. The cars really shined in the room lighting.

A road rally was held on Sunday but we didn't find out the results because of leaving early.

The two local clubs did an outstanding job and we hope they do it again.

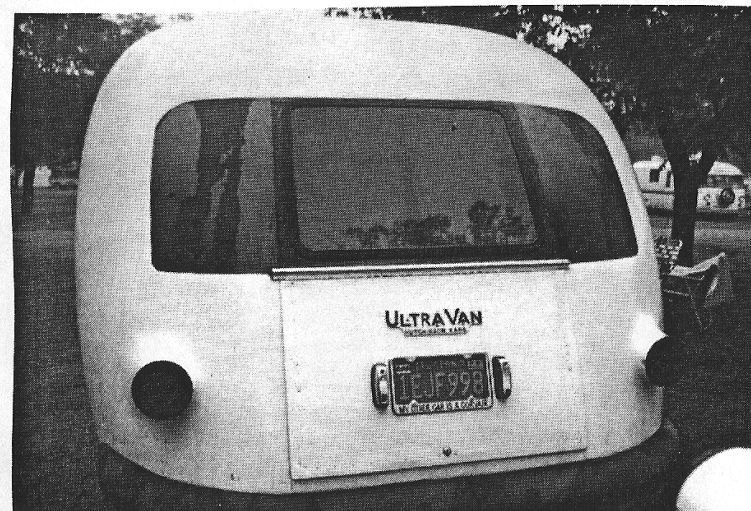
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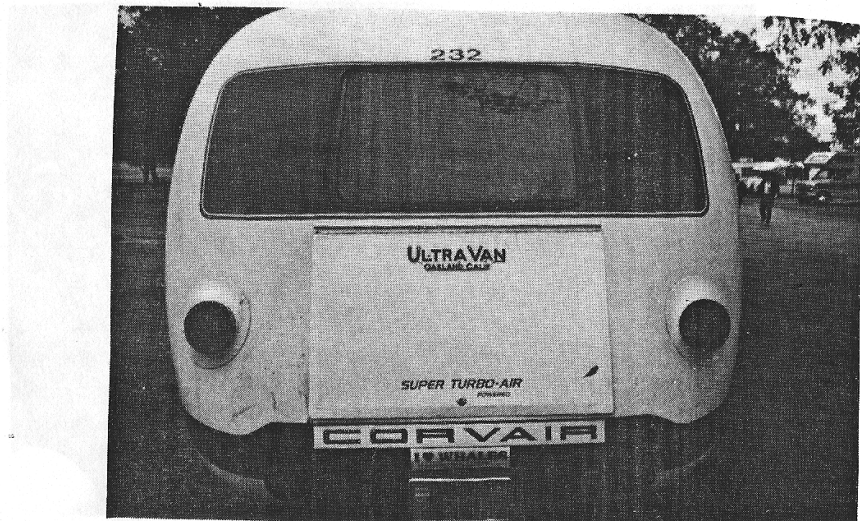
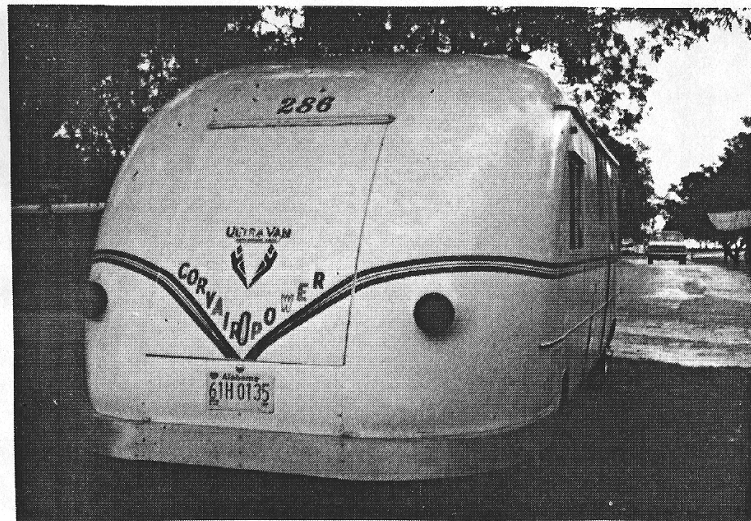
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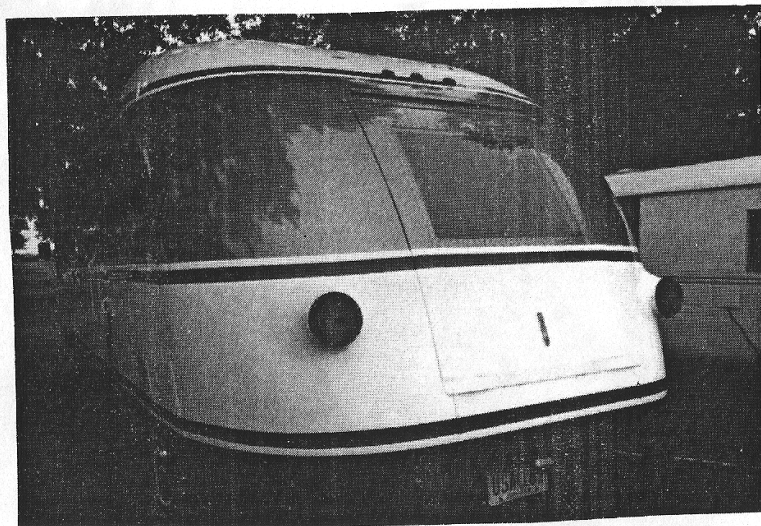
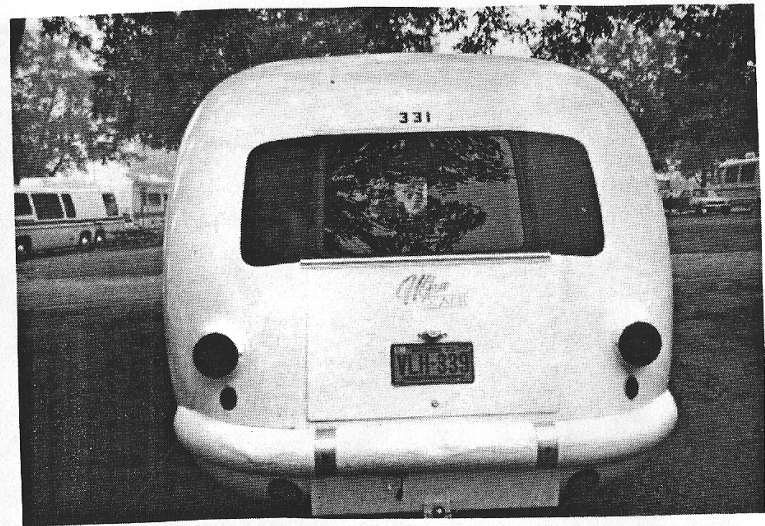
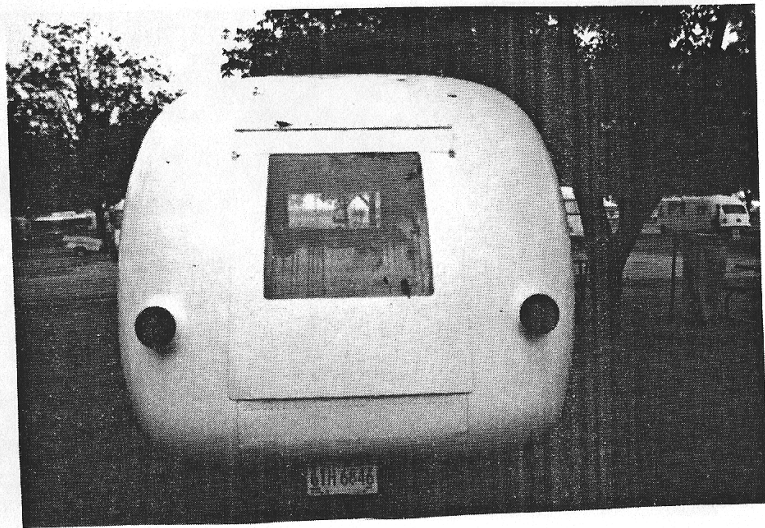
This issue of Whales on Wheels is dedicated to "Rear Ends," and what different owners have done to change the appearance of the aft end of their ULTRA Vans. You may recall that David Petersen (developer of the ULTRA Van), copied the rear end from the rear of the Sparten trailers. If you park your ULTRA Van next to an old Sparten trailer, you will see the similarity. In fact, David loves to tell the story of how he made the mold off the left side of the Sparten, then for the right side, merely inverted the mold before the gel set. So really it's two left sides. That's one way to get symmetry.

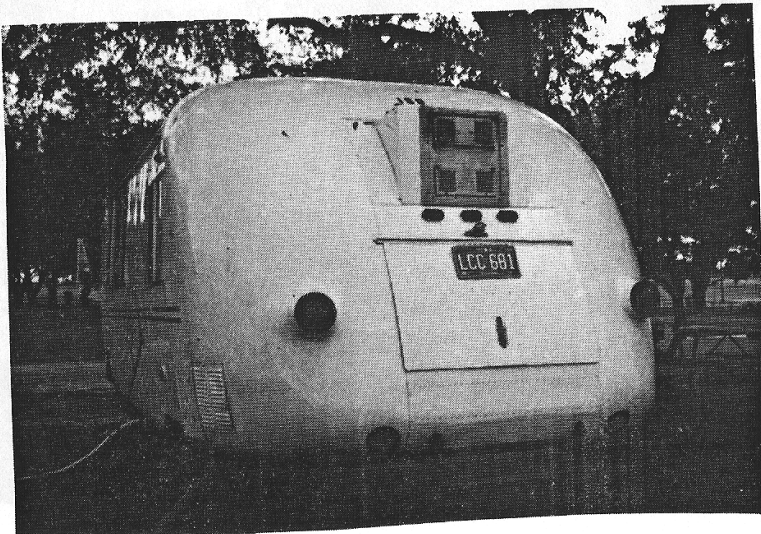
As many of you know the back window leaks water. That gave a new meaning to bed wetting. This is a problem that has plagued every owner at one time or another. The biggest complaint I've heard is that the rear end of the ULTRA Van is UGLY. Well, let's just say they are out of proportion. In most of the photos you see in this issue, the owners have changed the proportion. They do this by putting in a larger rear window, or painting a wide stripe across the rear end. This gives the appearance of a wider rear end, rather than a taller rear end. Using horizontal stripes breaks up the large one piece of mass. The bumper is also a vertical line that breaks up the mass.

I hope this encourages some of you owners to join the group to make our rear ends more attractive. After all, that's the end that people follow down the highway. Jim Craig, (our President), has made quite a few conversions for our members. He has quite a bit of good information.









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TECH TIPS:

1. Silicone Wire Systems

These are for the Corvair engines (all models) and are of the highest quality. They are 8MM in diameter with fiberglass core, silicone wire and silicone covering. Colors are black (7MM) yellow and blue in 8 MM. All are resistance type. Solid core for racing or off road is available. Street sets \$26.00, racing sets \$36.00 check or M.O. to Silicone Wire Systems, 3462 Kirkwood Dr., San Jose, Ca. 95117.

Jim Craig

2. Front Wheel Disc Brakes

At the recent San Jose Rally, I found a source for a disc brake kit for use on the 1961-64 Corvair front suspension. So if you have an early ULTRA with the 61-64 front end and you want some good braking power, kit provides the following: New rotors, brake pads, hoses, seals, rebuilt calipers, backing plates, mounting plates and hardware with bearings packed. Price \$475.00 (\$100. less if good used rotors preferred-hard to find) Additional info may be had from Cartiers Brakes, 8380 Hamilton Way, Stockton, Ca. (209) 478-1585

Jim Craig

3. Moly Grease

Remember Ernie's Moly grease? Good grease from all that I have heard. Moly grease contains Molybdenum (MOS2) This material is like millions of small ball bearings suspended in the grease. It fills slight pits, scratches and etc., and at the same time coats the metal surfaces. It is inferred that Ernie's is still available under the Pacific Lubricants label. Price per one pound container (16oz) is \$5.63 plus tax and shipping. Also Shell Oil Co. has Super Duty grease- also a Moly grease. It is same spec's as Pacific's except that it comes in a 14.1oz grease gun cartridge. Price: Approx \$4.00 per unit and available by the case (24) from your Shell bulk supplier.

Jim Craig

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 you there.



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