



# Whales on Wheels

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



## **Don't Miss Out**

### **Special Order Windshields**

**Order Deadline May 1**

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### **2024 Ultra Van National Rally**

**July 16 - 20**

**Greenville, OH**

**Darke County Fairgrounds**

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### **Voting**

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### **2024 Membership Roster**

**Either included or a link in your email**

**A printed copy can be purchased in the website**

**store, <https://ultravan.org/ultra-van-club-merchandise-shop/2024-membership-roster-booklet-only-available-to-current-members/>**



# WINDSHIELDS

## **Bad glass is just a stone's throw away**

Don't be left behind if this happens to you.

This will be your only chance at the prices listed below. Anything under another 40 piece order will be much higher in price. You need to have that spare set just in case, plus it will easily add value to your coach if you have to or decide to sell.

Time is flying before the **May 1 deadline**. No more orders will be accepted after that time. No extras will be available as the club just doesn't have the money to add any to the For Sale inventory.

### **Pricing**

Windshield glass - 1 piece (driver or passenger side) \$ 545  
Crating, if applicable (1 to 10 pieces per crate) \$ 410

**This upfront invoice amount will vary by the number of pieces ordered and the type of shipping selected.**

### **Shipping is separate**

Shipping cannot be calculated before the glass is made and prepped for shipping/pickup. You have your choice of the glass company arranging shipping. When that cost is known, you will be invoiced separately. You can instead arrange and pay for your own shipping or you can go to the factory in Pompano Beach, Florida and pick it up yourself either crated or uncrated. Other than the glass company arranging shipping, the other options must be completed within two weeks after the glass order is completed and ready to ship.

Go here, <https://ultravan.org/windshield-announcement/> to read the full details and also make a commitment.

# 2024 National Rally

Thanks to Mary Lou Kramer, here is a tentative schedule.

**Tuesday, July 16** - Arrive at campground. Hot/cold sandwiches provided. Feel free to bring something to share and your own beverages.

**Wednesday, July 17** - Divisional and Membership meetings (club provided lunch between) and potluck dinner (bring your finest dish) and Yankee Swap (bring a wrapped gift to participate).

**Thursday, July 18** - Coach hopping in the morning and Bears Mill (water powered grist mill) in the afternoon. Pot Luck leftovers and bring whatever else you'd like to share.

**Friday, July 19** - The day in downtown Greenville (lots to see and do) and visit the Garst Museum (Annie Oakley). Banquet (TBD)

**Saturday, July 20** - Good-byes, pack-up and leave. We must leave as another group comes in that afternoon.

Club-provided waffle maker, batter, and syrups. Keurig machine with an assortment of coffee (plain, decaf, and flavored), plus some other types of k-cups (?? tea, cocoa ??), sugars, creamer, and cups if you don't have your favorite mug.

There is a kitchen with a refrigerator, but no stove.

So far we have 16 people who have said they are coming. Not everyone is staying at the campground, so that shouldn't keep you from coming and not everyone owns an Ultra Van, so that shouldn't be a deterrent either. Come join the fun. It is also right before the CORSA Convention; less than 50 miles away.

Since reservations at the campground are not required, we would like to get an idea from those who are thinking about coming. If you haven't signed up and are thinking about coming, please fill out the form [here](https://ultravan.org/2024-national-rally-registration/) (https://ultravan.org/2024-national-rally-registration/) to be added to an attendee list so we can make sure we have enough of everything to go around and take care of everyone.



Darke County  
Fairgrounds Camping



2024 Ultra Van  
National Rally  
July 16-20  
Greenville, OH





# News From the Prez

Hi everyone, Spring is here!

I hope you all are getting a chance to air out your Ultra Van and start making it ready for camping season. I know many of you are in a rebuild or upgrade mode on your coaches, but there is light at the end of the tunnel when you stick to it and do the work in manageable chunks. A new fuel tank is next on my list of to do's. Its been on my list for years, but we're getting it done this summer.

Marisa and I are heading out this weekend for a vintage camper rally near us and are really looking forward to spending some long needed nights away from the city. We are also looking forward to the National Rally and hoping for lots of participation!

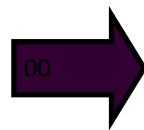
WINDSHIELDS: Our directors have done a great job of finalizing the details of our windshield project and we are taking orders! We have met our minimum order quantity goal which will lock in the price of the windshield pieces. If you have the ability to get in on this it is highly recommended, since it is a once-in-a-Blue Moon event that may not be repeated for quite a while. Yes, the club has paid for the molds for future production runs, but it is a very costly process that requires certain quantities to get a good cost per windshield.

That's all for now. Have safe and memorable travels everyone.

Pat Jennings



WHO'S READY  
FOR A  
Giveaway?!



The UVMCC Board of Directors, with the suggestion from VP Eric Kirven, approved designing a special window cling with an Ultra Van and a QR code that scans to our website, Ultravan.org. One window cling will be sent to every current member shortly after this newsletter. Enjoy!!

# Congratulations, again!

At the last UVMCC Board of Directors meeting, it was unanimously approved to give all past and future recipients of the Ernest Newhouse Award an Honorary Membership (aka lifetime membership).

Here are the latest past recipients that are now part of our Honorary Membership group.

**Shelley Young**

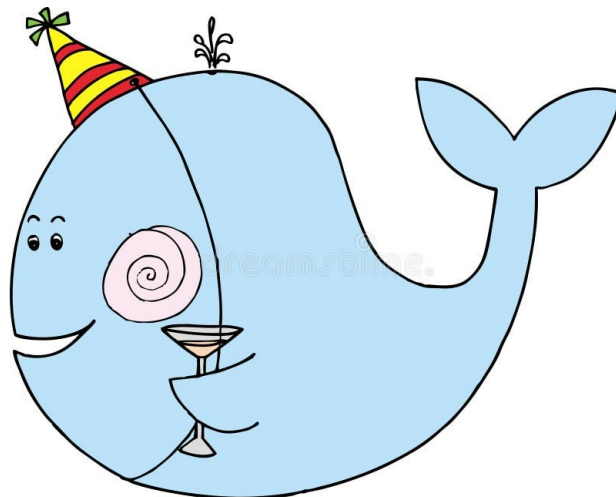
**Jim Davis**

**Nancy Pratt**

**Clyde Stanton**

**Owen Strawn**

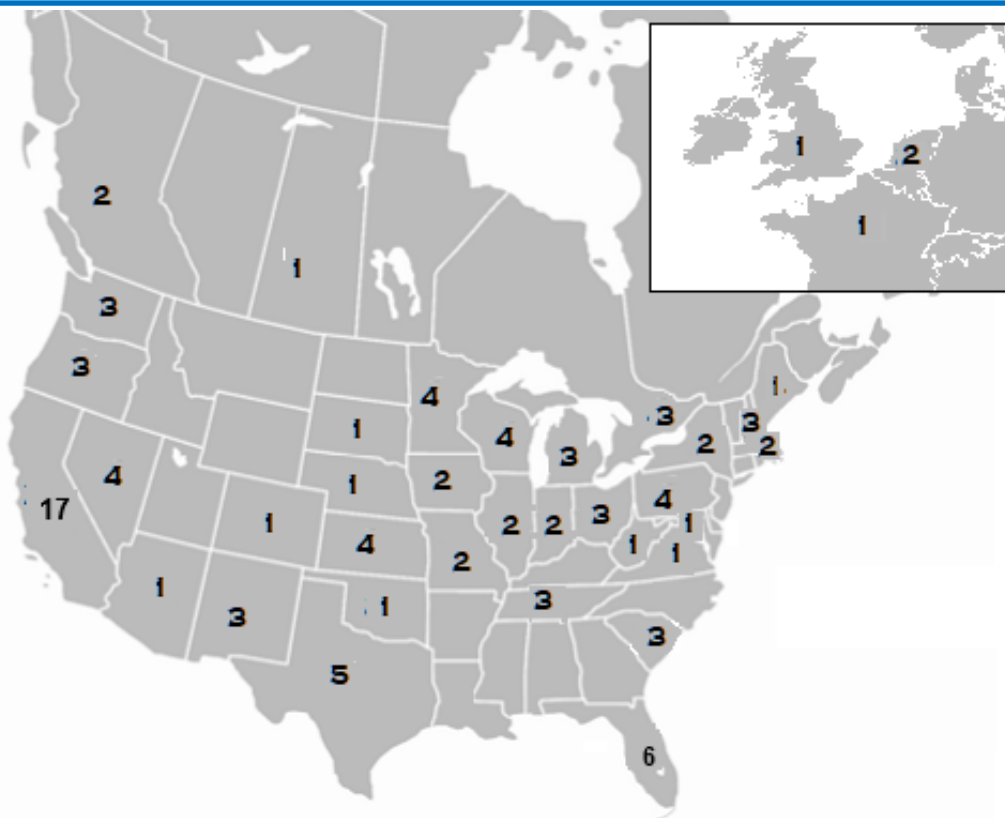
**Molly Bacon**





# NO NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER

UVMCC currently has 105 members



## 2023 Ultra Van Sales

- 215 - Taylor O'Sullivan to Peter Harvey & Torey Kehoe - 10/24/23
- 382 - Duane Falls to Mark Chaney - 9/28/23
- 488 - Coasters car club to Jim Obalek - 8/30/23
- 222 - John Gray to Dave Wilfong - 8/14/23
- 218 - UVMCC/Beck/Hand/Brown to Russell Nicolozakes - 8/12/23
- 434 - Johnny Leigh to Greg Abrams - 8/9/23
- 499 - Ron Adams to Don Proctor 8/8/23
- 380 - Ross Converse to Andrew Baca - 6/30/23
- 534 - Lucas & Katelyn Bergevin to withheld
- 374 - Jerome Stevens to Thibaut Grimaldi
- 271 - Hal Pickering estate (Jac Wildrick) to Phil Finch
- 484 - Jesus Nunez to Russell Nicolozakes - 2/10/23



# Short Reports

Bits of information from our members



## Tony Voorbij #T2038

Hello Ultra Van lovers. At this moment we are doing a round trip for 2 months through Spain . The Tiara is comfortable and doing fine! Everywhere we go people are taking pictures, and the reactions are very positive. It is good fun to travel with this strange RV . On a French Facebook site someone posted a picture of our Tiara with the text: unidentified rolling object. Very funny. Greetings from Europe, Ton and Ingrid



## Steve & Laura Lemke - #247

Well 247 finally made it to a campground! Spent a few nights at Cumberland Mountain State Park to test everything. Found a few water leaks, and the hot water heater decided not to work but other than that everything went well. Knoxville and Nashville Corvair clubs were hosting a cruise-in, so I was able to sneak into their show on Saturday. Met some really nice folks from both clubs and the Ultra got a lot of attention.



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### Chris Brown & Molly Bacon #328

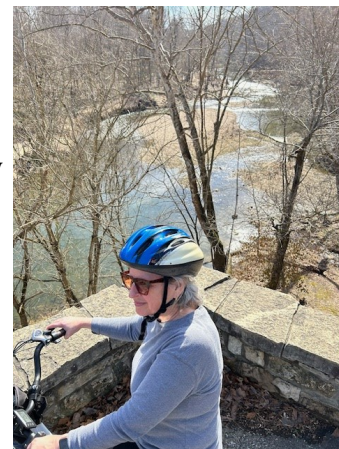
We have owned 'Turkel' #328 for 10 years. All this time, we've been pretty much without propane as some previous owner installed a standard vertical tank horizontally. We briefly looked at the correct aluminum horizontal tank, but only briefly due to the cost. While recently talking with Dave Beck on what he wants to do with his propane application, we found a 20# steel horizontal tank with the right dimensions for about 1/4 the price. Though steel, it will only weigh 40 pounds filled. Chris is still working out the details of replacing the hose and fittings, but we might actually be able to cook on the stove or in the oven. Maybe even have some hot water sometime (that's a whole other issue/project for another time).



For anyone interested, these tanks are available lots of places. Flame King RV Trailer 20 lb. Horizontal Propane Tank Refillable Cylinder with OPD Valve and Gauge.

### Dave & Gloria Beck #389 Late Winter Ultra Travels

With several mild days in February & March we decided to load the bicycles into the Ultra Van and visit some State Parks again. Prophetstown State Park is a vast mostly prairie grass area with a rich history located near Lafayette IN and the Wabash River. Did you know prairie grass is one third above ground level and can have roots 20' deep? The Shawnee brothers Tenskwatawa and Tecumseh established their village of people there in 1808 after being "pressured" to leave Ohio by settlers. Tecumseh persuaded 14 other rival tribes to set aside their disputes and formed an alliance with them in hopes of stopping their common enemy and stay settled in that area, but no way Jose. Willian Henry Harrison, then governor of the Indiana Territory, was alarmed by the number of Indians settling at the Prophets-town area so he moved 1,200 troops near the site. One thing led to another then on November 7, 1811 the Battle of Tippecanoe happened. We now have nice, safe bicycle trails. (sorry I digress).



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Now on to Muscatatuck Park in Jennings County near the small southern town of Vernon In. With a 7000-acre wildlife refuge attached it is a bird watchers paradise. The park itself is small but was once a stone cutting quarry and boasts the state's best rock-climbing area. Riding our bikes there was a challenge uphill but coasting downhill up to 30 mph with drop-offs on either side was also. We were glad for disk brakes on the bikes. Several nice waterfalls on the Muscatatuck River also.

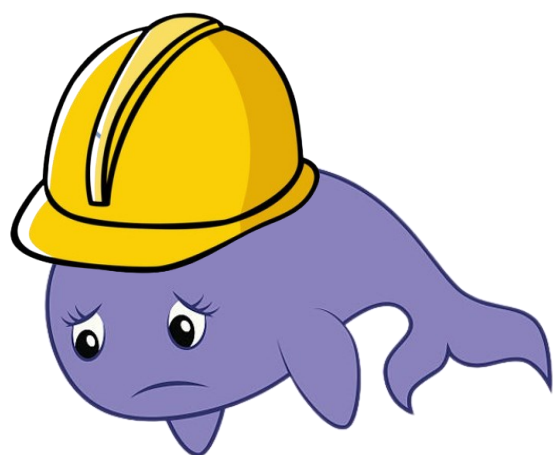
These are all wonderful places to drive your Corvair taking the back roads where you can, not too far from



home, and enjoy our state and your classic car or Ultra Van!

*ed - Is that Dave behind that orange caution tape?*

*Yep, knowing Dave, it is.*

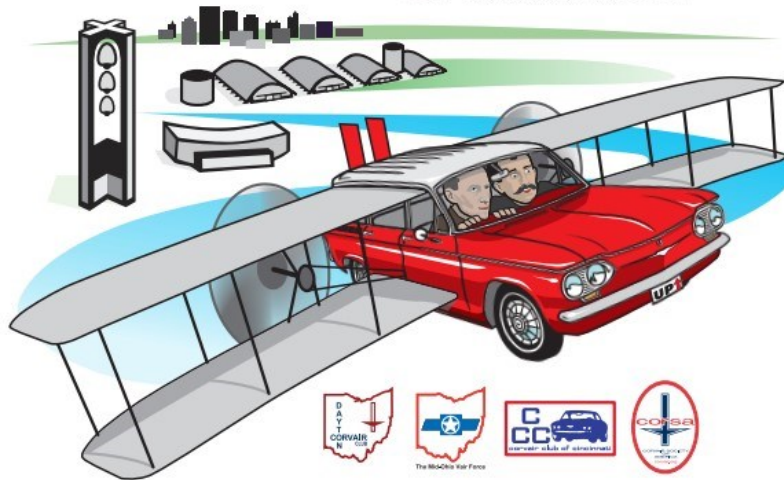




Keep up to date with the latest Convention information here, <https://www.daytoncorvaairclub.com/gallery>

# CORVAIRBORNE!

DAYTON OHIO  
THE BIRTHPLACE  
OF AVIATION



2024 INTERNATIONAL  
CORVAIR CONVENTION  
JULY 21-26

## 2024 CORSA International Convention

Marriott Hotel at the University  
of Dayton

1414 S Patterson Blvd  
Dayton, OH 45409



### Index of Tech Tips published after the 2015 Tech Tips document

31 tech tips have been published since 2015. Work is being done to create a new updated comprehensive document. Until that time, you can use this index to supplement. The newsletter volume listed will be a link to that newsletter on the website.

It is accessible here, <https://ultravan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Tech-Tips-unpublished-index.pdf>



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**New merchandise**

Reuseable standup plastic pouches printed on both sides. \$1.59 order on the website in the Shop.



**ULTRA MERCHANDISE**

Purchase at the club website merchandise shop,

<https://ultravan.org/ultra-van-club-merchandise-shop/>

Call or e-mail either of us.

**Better yet come shop at the next rally!**

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Item	Price
Club badges	1st one <i>free</i> at a rally or \$2.00 for a replacement
Miniature Cloisonné Ultra pins	\$5.00
Cloisonné Ultra earring set (post & wire)	\$7.00
Cloisonné Ultra charm	\$3.50
Ultra Van Coasters—2 designs	\$1.00
"Corvaire Powered" bumper stickers	\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
VIN # plates (blank)	\$3.50
Ultra Van Magnets (two designs)	\$1.00
Ultra Van Stickers (multiple styles)	\$1.00
3 ½" X 4 ½" Stitched patches w/ Ultra on US map & flag	\$3.00
Tech tips 1960-2015 PDF on CD	\$5.00
Club Roster (printed)	\$4.00
Window decals UVMCC with Ultra	\$1.00
100,000 Miles Club plaque	<i>Award</i>
Postcards and note cards	Various prices
<b>Available while supply lasts:</b> Tombstone Rally magnets	<b>Big Sale</b> \$ .50
NOS Factory Ultra Van replacement parts	Various prices
Hand-made Specialty Whale items (keychains, bookmarks, fan pulls, lanyards, etc.)	Various prices

samples





# UVMCC Membership

Go to the website membership page:  
<https://ultravan.org/ultra-van-motor-coach-club/>

or

email the Treasurer at:  
[uvmcc\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:uvmcc_membership@yahoo.com)

**Join Today!**

# 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 can either be make online with PayPal at <https://ultravan.org/ultra-van-motor-coach-club/> or make checks payable to Ultra Van Motor Coach Club and mail to the treasurer at:

UVMCC, 5425 Morrow Rd., Gladwin, MI 48624

Stories, articles, photos, memorabilia, or any other item for publication should be sent to the editor by the 15th of March, June, Sept, and Dec. Send newsletter submissions to WOW by email to the Editor, Molly Bacon, [uvmcc\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:uvmcc_membership@yahoo.com)

Digital submissions are preferred, but even hand written are acceptable. Mail to: UVMCC, 5425 Morrow Road, Gladwin, MI 48624

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

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

Website: <https://ultravan.org/>

### Awards

Golden Quill Award - 2022, 2021, 2003, 1999, 1997, & 1995

CORSA Chapter Newsletter Award - 2019 - 3rd place & 2014 - 3rd place.

Founded in 1969, **CORSA** is group of automobile enthusiasts working to satisfy the common needs of individuals interested in the preservation, restoration, and operation of the Corvair.



CORSA's long range goal is to promote reproduction of parts and render technical assistance to increase your enjoyment of the Corvair, and to

further the general public's appreciation of the car.

UVMCC encourages membership in CORSA.

Visit their website, [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org)



## Profit and Loss

**Fiscal Year 2023 - Qtr. 3 - Jan 1 -Mar 31**

Income—\$16,361.75, Expenses—\$594.41  
(includes windshield advance payments and fees)

### Available:

#### Ryerson Manual (Ultra Coach Owner's Manual)

The Ryerson is available in two forms, Printed and on a searchable CD.

Printed Manual \$60 plus shipping

Printed Manual and CD \$70 plus shipping.

CD \$17 postage paid to the contiguous U. S. Shipping is based on your choice of shipping options. Please send me your address and I will let you know what postage will be.

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# Candidate Information

Hi everyone, my name is Ken Hand. I am running for President.

I know there are quite a few people out there that know me, but I am sure there are new people that do not, so everyone gets to read a little about me.

I guess I better get into the “who am I” portion. I have owned and operated Handy Car Care full time for almost 35 years. 2 years of that time I traveled full time going to your homes and fixing Corvairs! Before that, I served in the Army working on and crewing Chinook helicopters. At that time, the Corvaair was just my money-making hobby while I worked on airplanes. I also held a Michigan Master Mechanics license while I had my storefront. In addition, I have held several Board of Director (BoD) positions in the Detroit Area Corvaair club (DACC), Corvanatics, and here in the Ultra Van club. In UVMCC, I was President from 2020-2022 and Easter Director from 2016-2019. I joined in 2014 when I purchased #380. I currently own #398. With all of that experience I know how to run a friendly, professional business.



You might be thinking “but this is a club!” Yes it is, but it still needs to be run like a business to stay viable. The one thing that I think sets me apart from many officers is the fact that I listen to people's suggestions, and if they benefit the club, I try to incorporate the idea.

One of my strengths is that I can take criticism and compliments, and not get mad or shut down so that you can't reach me! Many of you know that I am on social media, and I try to offer logical advice, not just “this fixed mine” category.

After some time off, I’m looking forward to returning to the UVMCC BoD.

## Ernest Newhouse Award Nomination

### Jerry Mello

1. Member of UVMCC for over ten years.
2. Has served as Club President.
3. Technical advisor.
4. Has co-hosted the Cody National Rally, as well as regional rallies.
5. Has been a key innovator in promoting new ideas for safety, reliability, and performance, which is invaluable for keeping us all on the road safely with confidence. He has been there numerous times for Ultra Vanners in distress, and his doors are always open for any and all to get help and advice at his home.

**See the next page for the ballot. Please vote. There is a space for both household members.**



# 2024 UVMCC Ballot

Ballot is for both members of a household  
Write-ins welcome (except the Ernie Award)

President (2 year term):

Ken Hand \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vice President (1 year term):

Eric Kirven (incumbent) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (1 year term):

Molly Bacon (incumbent) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (1 year term):

Molly Bacon (incumbent) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Central Director (3 year term):

Steve Lemke \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor (1 year term):

Molly Bacon (incumbent) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ernest Newhouse Award (no write-ins allowed) Nominations at the top of [page 4](#)

Jerry Mello \_\_\_\_\_

**For anonymous electronic voting  
use the online ballot system through the Ultra Van website.  
Go to <https://ultravan.org/2024-ballot/>  
or  
mail this ballot to UVMCC, 5425 Morrow Rd, Gladwin, MI 48624  
(Please mark “ ballot” on the envelope)**

**Mailed ballots must be received before June 1st**