

Whales on Wheels

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





Voting

Please see pages 12-16 for bylaws changes, candidate information, and the ballot.



The absolute latest National Rally details and an updated agenda on page 2. Don't miss out.



NATIONAL RALLY-ABSOLUTE LATEST SCOOP

Go West Young Person!

Paraphrased here to give a modern twist to an old adage that some of us remember as "Go West Young Man." This is the theme of this year's National Rally. And truly you can't get much more west with your Ultra Van than this without getting wet. From our campground you can drive your Ultra Van a couple hundred yards and you're right on the Pacific Ocean or you can walk the developed trail through the sand dunes and get as wet as you want in the same aforementioned pond of water.

If you haven't reserved a spot for the Rally yet you might be able to book a couple of days at the Oceano Camp Campground where the Rally is being held, but availability is spotty at best. In California campgrounds fill up far in advance and few people ever give up their sites. There are other campgrounds and RV Parks in the area that you could stay at and "commute" to the Rally each day for all the fun activities we are planning, but you should call Carl Jones at 253-988-2275, he will give you advice on where to book a site.

Spoiler Alert! We are planning a special beach event on Thursday night of the Rally which will be an evening to remember (the Rally logo gives it away). We are also planning plenty of Tech Talk time, shopping, and beach walking. We hope you'll come join us May 12-16.

Finally, if you want to buy National Rally logoed swag: shirts, hats, mugs, etc., click here, https://www.zazzle.com/collections/2025 national rally-119761930995422138 and you can find items to buy. Let the club know if you want the logo on something else.

REMEMBER, you do not have to have an Ultra Van to come and enjoy the fun. You can even stay in a hotel (your editor is without an Ultra Van)

Co-hosts: Carl & Fran Jones, Pat Jennings & Marisa Brunner, Jerry & Patty Mello



May 12 - May 16, 2025 **Agenda**



All breakfasts will include club supplied assorted k-cups and a Keurig, on-site made waffles, and a toaster

Tuesday, May 13	8:30 AM 10:00 AM Noon 1:30 PM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	West Coast Continental Breakfast (includes Avocado) Coach Tour and Tech Talks of "New Ultra Vans" Lunch on your own Games, board but not boring! Beach walking, unguided and on your own Potluck Dinner Yankee Swap Meet \$12-\$15 (No used or gag gifts)		
Wednesday, May 14	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM Noon 1:00 PM	West Coast Continental Breakfast (includes Avocado) Regional Meetings National Membership Meeting Potluck leftovers On your own to explore the area (There will be an Ultra Van adventure to Avila Beach if you care to join the caravan for a fun afternoon out with photo op). Games, not bored continued!		
Thursday, May 15	8:30 AM 10:00 AM Noon 5:00 PM	West Coast Continental Breakfast (includes Avocado) Tech talks and Coach hopping Lunch on your own Club Hosted Dinner on the Beach (awards)		

Ultra Van National Rally 2026

Hosts needed!!!

Anyone or group can host a Rally. The location rotates divisions. 2026 is the Eastern Division. The states included in each division are listed in the bylaws, https://ultravan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-bylaws.pdf starting on page 5.

There are two choices of dates and locations: either it can be held right before or right after the CORSA Convention, which will be at Gettysburg, PA, June 22-26, 2026 (Eastern Division) and within a day's drive (~200 miles). **OR**, if you chose not to follow those parameters, it still must be located in the corresponding CORSA region and can be located anywhere within that region. **BUT**, for dates it must not be earlier than August 15 nor later than October 10.

There are several experienced former Rally hosts to provide advice and answer questions, Plus the club has a detailed set of guidelines to use. It's not that hard. People will gladly chip in to help.

Keep in mind, the dates and location must be published nine months before the start of the Rally. If coordinated with the CORSA Convention, then they need to be published around October 15. The earlier the better. If interested contact either President, Ken Hand, or Secretary, Molly Bacon.



2025 CORSA Internation Convention

Embassy Suites Hotel, 333 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA

Begins the Tuesday, May 20 after the National Rally ends on Friday, May 16. Located less than 30 miles from the Rally campground.

Convention hosts prepared RV and camping information, https://668ea555-e6ab-484b-a334-b5a4443fdc65.filesusr.com/ugd/dd2bae_da197030f2704534aaa1aed128c2a8dd.pdf

2025 Membership Roster

A link to the online copy was in the email with this newsletter link.

For those receiving printed newsletters, you will receive your printed copy with your newsletter in the mail.

A printed copy of the **2025 Membership Roster** can be obtained for \$4.00 plus shipping from the website merchandise shop here, https://ultravan.org/ultra-van-club-merchandise-shop/2025-membership-roster-booklet-only-available-to-current-members/











Arizona

Scott Szalkowski #268

California

William & Christi Connor #420
Welcome back—Aaron Landy #203
Illinois

Paul Polster #514

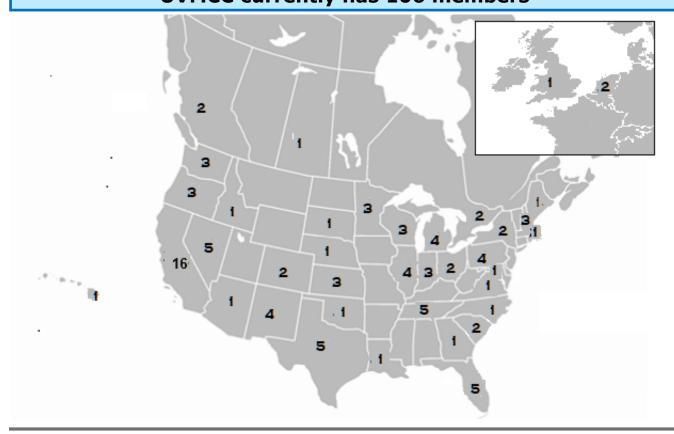
Nevada

Arne Dahlberg

British Columbia, Canada

Joe Weber #488

UVMCC currently has 106 members



News From the Prez

Hey Everyone,

Please take the time to vote for the candidates that are on the ballot. I hate to say this, but it tells me a lot when there are only 10 or 12 votes. It would be nice to get 30-50 votes! Even if there is only one candidate, vote! I think there are 2 Ernie Award entries, so it is even more imperative that you vote.

We have some bylaw changes, but mostly word clarification that was missed the first time around. Please take the time to read those on <u>pages 11-12</u>. If there are any questions or discussions, send it along in an email to Molly or me for BOD discussion.



Lastly, the National Rally is coming up pretty quick, really early this year as is the CORSA Convention! There will be more details in this issue from others. Do check out the Zazzle on demand store so you can order Rally logo merchandise in time for the rally or just order some. Shop here, https://www.zazzle.com/collections/2025 national rally-119761930995422138

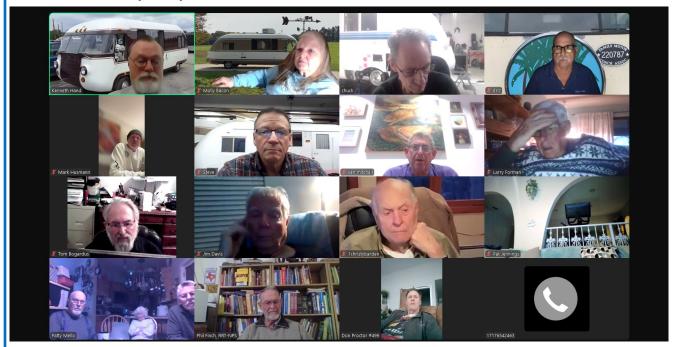
Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Rally, but I will be at the CORSA convention. Time is a fickle thing, isn't it? Hopefully, I will be driving out from Michigan in a Corvan, (if it gets out of the paint shop soon enough), and I can only take enough time to drive out and back. I will have a table next to the indoor swap area tables Molly sets up for the Ultra Van club and Corvanatics. I hope to see lots of you there! I shouldn't really say this, but you can go to the convention and walk around without being a CORSA member! You just can't participate in events unless you are registered.

Ken Hand, UVMCC Prez, vairmech@aol.com, 248-613-8586

Doesn't this look fun?

It was. Member get together Zoom.

Your Board of Directors is working on planning another one. It will be sometime after the National Rally. Stay tuned for more information later.













I have to brag for the newsletter and myself.



inners of the *Old Cars* Golden Quill Award for 2024 have been carefully selected based on each publication's ability to meet the needs and preferences of club members while maintaining a high integrity in content, creativity, information, accuracy, design, variety, technical ideas and overall feel. Awards are given out in National and Regional Divisions for Compact, Intermediate and Full-Size print publications based on page count and page size of the magazines and newsletters. Speciality publications that fit this mode have also been considered.

Chief judge in the selection is Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, distinguished longtime writer for *Old Cars*. His experience has been enriched by collector car ownership, research and countless collector car events. With many years of editorial professionalism, he and the *Old Cars* staff intensely reviewed the large volume of club periodicals issued in 2024 to thin the selection to some of the very best in the hobby.

EXEMPLARY

On occasion, specialty and regional publications make significant progress in content, design and scope, thus raising the level of interest in their segments of the collector car field. These publications admirably represent the hobby and deserve special recognition as innovative beacons in their fields.

Whales on Wheels, Molly Bacon, editor, Corvair Society of America

Short Reports

Bits of information from our members



Steve & Laura Lemke #247

We camped out at a local Corvair show in Tennessee







Chris & Lori Green - #417

First camping trip in #417 a success. It did a great job for us. Other than my wife being sick, we enjoyed it.









Paul Polster #514

Nothing to report as of yet. Ultra Van is still at seller's home awaiting warmer weather so I can see why the brakes aren't stopping the go very well. It has a new master cylinder and a rebuilt power booster.

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Dave & Gloria Beck #389

#389 got a new fan bearing along with the NASH fan & pulley.

The initial 20-mile drive went well. I'm hoping to drop oil temp from 245°F to 230°F or so on a hot day. The fan certainly puts out a lot more air even at idle. The kit and instructions were very good along with the workmanship of the parts. I am running lower shields and a stock 12-plate oil cooler.





Larry Forman & Rosie Walker #497

There has been some progress on #497, but less than I would have preferred. I had previously replaced the stock oil pan with a used deep oil pan and that was a mistake, primarily since I had not really checked it well before purchase. It was cracked and abused so that it leaked somewhat. So, I replaced it with an Otto finned aluminum pan and oil pan spacer. To help ensure that there were no oil leaks, I replaced the oil pan bolt threads with helicoils. That did the job fine.

Rosie and I had purchased two captain's chairs like we had previously in #455; those were purchased from Steelcase. Since then, Steelcase has stopped making them so we purchased what we thought would be very similar from seats.com. However, their captain's chairs are somewhat taller, so much so that I had difficulty getting my legs under the steering wheel with the chair rotator. I had to remove the rotator on the driver's side chair until I eventually redo the front steering and add a slightly taller steering wheel location.

I am also making the sofa/storage box so we can have storage along with a couch and pull-out additional sleeping arrangements. I am also working on a fold-up dining table mounted to the coffee bar. Plus, adding some more instrumentation like an engine vacuum gauge and temperature gauges for oil and transmission, and remote cameras for improved rear and side vision.

Scott Szalkowaski #268

Extracted from an UltraVan Owners Facebook post.

I just bought Ultra Van # 268 last week.

It used to belong to Roger Long, who was a long time member of the San Diego Corvair Club. I heard from his family that they used to go on trips all over in it. He was an engineer and kept everything very original. I'd like to hear some stories if anyone knew him?

I had a lot of problems driving it from San Diego to Phoenix, a 5 hour trip took 4 days! Right off the start, I

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wasn't prepared at all, which I should have know better but I was in a hurry as my mom had a doctor appointment, (which ended up cancelled due to our problems.). I flipped the fanbelt in the first hour going up a hill. Then the belt I got at Napa was too wide and too small. But I kept using the old flipping belt as I didn't want to unhook the fuel line to change it! I made it to the desert before I had to change the belt due to it stretching from breaking cords. I kept buying more belts that kept flipping until I put the old spare belt on which is less than 3/8" wide and fits perfectly. No problem after that.

My headlight was out so I had to use brights. Then the gas pedal kept coming off the rod. And I noticed the hose to the fuel pump had a loose clamp and was barely on the metal nipple. It was about to fall off! I double clamped these hose connections, but I could see the pump struggle to spit fuel into the clear plastic filter. And sometimes it would be full of fuel in the filter, and other times have air in the filter. While I was driving it seemed I was running out of gas. I was really happy when I made it home without getting towed! I broke down a bunch of times

- 1. I need to get a new headlight bulb and don't know yet which one I need. No mention of it in the Ultra Van manual. Maybe I'll see numbers when I take it out?
- 2. I'm going to put a thread on end of the gas pedal rod, so I can put a nyloc nut on it.
- 3. I need to relocate that fuel pump closer to the tank....
- 4. I need to install a rubber perimeter seal to keep the hot air from getting sucked up into the engine from below
- 5. I need to get another belt that fits just right! It had the top engine shroud belt guide to stop it from coming off, but not the pulley guide. I found one of those to put on so that might help too.
- 6. Gas would shoot out and I was only able to put 5 gallons in. Then when I filled it slowly I was able to get 17 gallons in there! Maybe a venting problem? The manual mentioned spider webs in the tube's!

In 4 days we had a couple dozen people tell us how much they loved the Ultra Van and never saw one before! It was a lot of fun to drive! Maybe we'll see you all at the 2025 CORSA Convention in CA! I'm really happy I got the Ultra Van and we love it! I look forward to fixing all the small problems.

I have the manual but have no idea how the water or sewer works! So any advice is much appreciated!





From a later Facebook post

When I first broke down in the desert at night I pulled off onto the triangular section between the Interstate and the on ramp. So I had cars going by both sides of me. It was a pretty safe spot, as not many cars came down the onramp. I put red LED lights on the ground to warn of my location.

When the cops showed up I was all done changing the stretched belt for the too tight new belt. The cops thought I was in a dangerous spot but I thought it was great.

I told them about the Ultra Van and let them look inside. Luckily they didn't ask for anything as I was "Rollin Dirty."

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New merchandise

Cute 7" x 4" If you don't own one sticker.

\$3.00



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		
"Corvair 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	Award		
Postcards and note cards	Various prices		
Available while supply lasts:	Big Sale		
Tombstone Rally magnets	\$.50		
NOS Factory Ultra Van replacement parts	Various prices		
Hand-made Specialty Whale items (keychains, bookmarks, fan pulls, lanyards, etc.)	Various prices		







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

Join Today!

Founded in 1969, CORSA is group of auto-



mobile 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, <u>www.corvair.org</u>



Profit and Loss

Fiscal Year 2025 - Qtr. 3 - Jan 1 - Mar 31

Income—\$5379.64, Expenses—\$41,937.35 (includes windshield expenses)

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

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 - 2024, 2022, 2021, 2003, 1999, 1997, & 1995

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

Available:

Ryerson Manual (Ultra Coach Owner's Manual)

The Ryerson is available in two forms, Printed and on a searchable CD.
Printed Manual \$70 plus shipping
Printed Manual and CD \$80 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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Proposed bylaws changes

These changes must be approved by two-thirds of the members voting. Voting for these changes are included at the top of the 2025 Ballot on <u>page 16</u>, which also includes voting for officers.

There are no significant changes proposed, so the changes will be summarized below. The complete bylaws will not be included. The current version is viewable here, <a href="https://www.nt

Article VI—Membership

Section 2

Summarization—Dues will be changed from being due at the end of the calendar year to being due each year scheduled the month after the member joins. Example, a member joins on June 14th, 2025 and pays for two years. Their membership will expire July, 2027. Current members will have their membership changed to a "best guess" month when the actual date is unknown. All future membership cards will have the month and year the membership is due.

Actual proposed wording:

Section 2—Dues will become due annually on the month after the date joined. The month and year due will be printed on the membership card.

Article VII—Officers

Section 1 plus all other Division Director references

Any place in the bylaws that references the term Division Directors will be changed to just Directors. Since members running for a Division Director do not have to reside in that Division there is no need for associating a director position with a location. In addition, any place that needs further clarification, not just the deletion of the word Division, are indicated below.

Article VIII—Elections

Section 2

Adding that any office nominees will have to be a member for at least one year.

Actual proposed wording:

Section 2—Nominations for any offices may be discussed and presented at any Divisional Rally. At the National Rally, all qualified nominations will be presented for the vote. Nominees are only qualified if they have been a member for at least one year. Also, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the National Rally. The names of nominated individuals shall be included on the ballot if the nomination is delivered to the secretary in time to: (1) permit verification of eligibility to hold office, and (2) permit publication in the Newsletter published prior to the National Rally.

Section 3

The references to the Divisions will be removed.









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Actual proposed wording:

There shall be three Directors, with one being elected each year on a rotating basis all serving a three-year term. In no case shall more or less than one member be selected to serve as Directors for each rotation.

ARTICLE IX - FISCAL MATTERS

Section 2

This section will be adjusted in accordance to the changes in Article VI—Section 2 above.

Actual proposed wording:

Section 2—A member's annual dues are "due and payable" by the end of the month after the month joined each year. The Treasurer is responsible to see that a reminder is sent out in advance.

ARTICLE XI - THE NATIONAL RALLY

Section 4

A day's drive will be clarified with the phrase ...less than 200 miles....

Actual proposed wording:

Section 4—The National Rally shall not begin earlier than August 15th or later than October 10th of each year. These dates can be adjusted to run consecutively with the CORSA International Convention and will be either the week preceding or the week following the CORSA Convention and be within a day's drive (less than 200 miles) of the CORSA Convention.

APPENDIX H – THE ERNEST NEWHOUSE AWARD

Paragraph 2, section B, second paragraph.

At the end of sentence one this clarification will be added, "It is advisable to verify a potential nominee's eligibility, based on the above six criteria, by contacting The Club President or Secretary prior to submitting your nomination." This is intended to help members feel more comfortable in attempting to nominate someone for the award.

Actual proposed wording of this paragraph:

A written, qualifying report will be sent to the President for each nominee for verification. To make it easier to make nominations, it is advisable to verify a potential nominee's eligibility, based on the above six criteria, by contacting the Club President or Secretary prior to submitting your nomination. The President will forward each qualified report to the editor for inclusion on the ballot.

Director nominee biography

Sarah Cohen

I was asked by some of the members of the Ultra Van club to put together a small biography to provide members with some information about who I am. I must admit I am not very good at writing about myself so I will certainly do the best I can.

Simply put, I am a person with a wide variety of interests and passions. I am a quilter and seamstress who has a knack for designing some different pieces. This has ranged from simple family-oriented quilts to mannequin costumes for museums and stores in Salem Massachusetts. I have an equal interest in the unusual and love things from ancient and medieval periods. I am an avid reader and have an equal passion for cooking.



As far as day-to-day life is concerned, I live with my partner Matt, my son, and three very opinionated dogs in our little cabin in the woods in a small New Hampshire Town. I work from home pursuing both my passions and client commissions depending upon the needs at the time. Lately I have been supporting a charity that provides quilts to the families of veterans in care facilities which I am more than happy to contribute as I have a soft spot for all our country's veterans.

My personal background can be described as mundane with a few wild streaks here and there. I consider myself a Maine girl from the mountains and as such can say I am not a "flatlander". During my time in Maine, I was surrounded by wildlife and embraced nature. As odd as it might sound, I used to play with Black bears as if they were family and have had an interesting history with animals. This has included raising Ravens and snakes with an occasional Maine Coon cat mixed in here and there.

I have always admired classic cars and since Matt seems to have a small addiction, we have managed to amass a small collection of about 19 right now. Four of which are Corvairs and two are UVs. When Matt first mentioned bringing home UV201 from Georgia I was a bit nervous to add another vehicle to our collection. But once I saw it and did a little research, I saw all the possibilities and immediately fell in love with them. Since then, Matt and I started the overhaul of UV201 and went to Florida to rescue UV419. I have been trying to answer the questions from other members online since I have built my own Ultra Van library of reference material. In time, we hope to get them all on the road even if we must deal with the down time associated with New Hampshire winters.

I look forward to getting to know you all of you and helping where I can. If you have any questions or if there is anything you wish to know, feel free to ask as I am an open book.

Warmest Regards,

-Sarah Cohen



Ernest Newhouse Award nominations



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 qualifications as stated below. Basis for selection will be the individual's performance during the <u>entire</u> period of membership; not just limited to the previous year or any other shorter time period.

To qualify for nomination of this award, the individual must have done <u>four</u> 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
- Accomplish outstanding or superior services to The Club

Chuck Hanson

He has:

- Co-Hosted the National Rally in Tombstone AZ.
- Been a member over two years.
- Accomplished outstanding service to the Club. i.e. worked on the replacement windshields project.
- Was the Technical Coordinator for a term.

Respectfully Yours, Eric Kirven

Eric Kirven

I would like to nominate Mr. Eric Kirven.

- He has been an officer twice. VP and Treasurer.
- Held 2 regional rallies. (At the Great Western Fan Belt Toss)
- Club Membership for over 2 years.
- Manages and distributes the Ryerson manual.
- He is always willing to help members and non-members as exhibited on both Ultra Van Facebook groups.

Pat Jennings



2025 UVMCC Ballot

Ballot is for both members of a household (submit separate online ballots)

Proposed bylaws changes (see page 12-13) (required) Yes ___ No ___ | Yes ___ No ___

UVMCC Officers

Write-ins welcome (except the Ernie Award)

Presiaent is a two-year term ana i	s not up jor e	rection until .	2020
Vice President (1 year term):			
Eric Kirven (incumbent)			
Secretary (1 year term):			
Molly Bacon (incumbent)			
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<u>Treasurer (1 year term):</u>			
Molly Bacon (incumbent)			
Eastern Director (3 year term):			
Sarah Cohen			
 Newsletter Editor (1 year term):			
Molly Bacon (incumbent)			
Ernest Newhouse Award (no writ	te-ins allowed	 Nomination	details on page 14
Chuck Hanson			
Eric Kirven			

For anonymous electronic voting, use the online ballot system through the Ultra Van website.

Go to https://ultravan.org/2025-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 May 1

Ballots can also be turned in at the Rally, but no blank ballots will be available.