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The Gallagher Family under cover at Granny Grose



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# Views from the Windshield



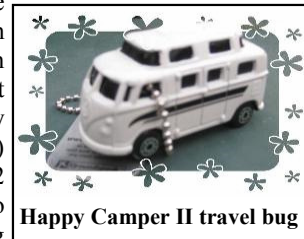
Part of camping and traveling for Brad and me, includes a game called Geocaching. Using a hand held GPS and plugging in the GPS coordinates provided on the website ([www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)) you go on a scavenger style hunt for the "hiding spots" of small containers or boxes (caches) generally filled with stuff (referred to as swag). The idea is to swap out swag, and rehide the container for the next person to find and do the same. These hunts generally take you to parks and recreation areas where a nice walk or hike is involved.



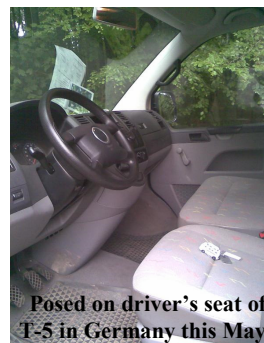
Example of swag

One of the things you can swap is a travel bug. This is an item you tag with a serial number (you purchase this online). If you take this tagged item, you have to go onto a specific page on the site and list what cache you took it from, and what cache you move it to. You get to view the logs and live vicariously through the travels of your little toy.

Where is all this leading? Well I want to tell you about my travel bug that I set off for the first time in August '07 in North Bend, Oregon when Brad and I were on our last cross country trip. Happy Camper II (as we named it) has been moving for almost 2 years now from cache to cache, and has been traveling in Europe— and most recently within the mother land country of Germany.



Happy Camper II travel bug



Posed on driver's seat of T-5 in Germany this May

We enjoy being sent notification by email that someone else has retrieved Happy Camper, and then again when it someone places it in a different cache.

So, now I've used all my column up to explain this addictive sport/pastime/hobby. Check it out!! Maybe you too will get involved.

With that, hope you enjoy this edition. As always, send me your articles!!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Andrea



Map of Happy Camper II's European travels

# LIMBO LETTERS

Send your LiMBO Letters to:

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May 19th, 2009

Andrea,

I'm interested in attending your campout.

I live in the Baltimore area and my bus is in the shop right now getting a new engine.

I have a 1970 Westfalia soon to have a 0 mile 1600cc in it. And would love to hang out with some other buses.



Fellow Bus Owners:

I realized this weekend, while offering up my meager "tool box" to aide in the repair of a sickly Vanagon that my idea of a tool set is very sub-par.

While my crappy set wasn't needed, I'm still interested in beginning to accumulate the appropriate tools to at least keep me moving along...

What are the most appropriate tools, and most frequently used sizes on a VW (specifically my 71 Super and 77 Bay?) I know Craftsman offers lifetime guarantees on their sets, so that may be a good place to start but I want to make sure that whatever set I do buy (put together) that it has those few items I might need most.

Like what size ratchets, combination wrenches, and things you guys find handy to have?

Mike  
Long Island, NY

*Editor's Note: Let's start discussing this topic on the LiMBO website! It would be interesting to find out what you all bring.*

Andrea:  
I happened to have access to June 1 issue of Used Car News.

## VEHICLES WANTED

**Wanted to Buy Volkswagen Poptop Camper Vans 1986-2003. Top Dollar paid. All miles, all conditions.**

**Call John 303-287-9797**

I have no experience with John, or what he pays, how he transports etc. But it is a "source" should any LiMBO member want to try it as a source- For Cash-No Haggle- Get Rid of it Now Deal.

Cordially,  
Fred Williams  
St. Petersburg, FL

Pictures of the Bus on the Day I bought it (3 weeks ago) at:  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/juergs/VWBus02>

Peace,  
Juergs

Update June 23, 2009:

I got the new motor in. Working on the first 500 miles to break in the motor. Thus I can not do any highway and not able to bring her up to the camp out. Thought about getting AAA to tow me :)



With the new motor the old 1970 bus runs likes new. Just need to fix up the interior.

*Editor's Note: Juergs is not a member yet, but I with my correspondence to him, I hope we will find him on the New Member list next time!*



For Tony and Jen Pelletier:  
It sure looks like a seahorse right now.  
Readers: Note additional clue of this cryptic message on page 13 by Rich M.



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**Next deadline of September 1, 2009.**

## July 2009

**\*\*July 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Portsmouth, RI - 3rd Annual Buses In The Bay** at the Melville Campground, 181 Bradford Ave. The campground is just north of Newport and near the beach! Check in Friday is 11AM to 8PM, and check out is 11AM Sunday. You will need to call (401) 682-2424 to make reservations between 10AM and 5 PM only! (The campground does not take reservations by email.) When you make your reservation, tell them you are with LIMBO. After calling in your reservation you must mail a deposit to hold your reservation. They do not accept credit cards! PLEASE RESERVE EARLY!!! DON'T MISS OUT! Some of us may have to double up on the electric outlets which is OK with them. This year's cruise is to a local vineyard on Saturday afternoon followed by a pot luck dinner and raffle Saturday night. Come enjoy our great little state! For more information, contact Coy at 401-254-2350, or [coyandlynn83@hotmail.com](mailto:coyandlynn83@hotmail.com)

## August 2009

August 1 (Saturday) Shrewsbury, MA- **Volks-Vair Fair**. This annual show & swap meet is at Heberts Candy Mansion on Rt 20 Shrewsbury. Air cooled only show for VWs and Corvairs. Rain or shine. Trophies to 3rd place. Sponsored by The Bug club and Colonial Corvair Club. Great time, music, food plus great candy and ice cream at the Hebert Candy Mansion. Contact Gerry Anderson: 603-898-2874.

August 7-9 (Fri-Sun), Brooklin Ont, **Buses Of The Corn**. This is a family event for VW Bus owners. The event is held Brooklin, a small community just North of Whitby, Ontario Canada, in the Group Camping area of Heber Down Conservation Area. The group camping area has pit toilets and showers, and will accommodate at least 120 buses, so there is plenty of room to go around. There is a large fire pit for group campfires, and 2 covered picnic shelters with barbecues. There is a severely limited amount of hydro available on the site, and it is recommended that you bring your own drinking water. Plenty of picnic tables are provided. Pets must be leashed. More details will follow. You can contact the event organizer at this email: [greg@pottsfamily.ca](mailto:greg@pottsfamily.ca)

August 16 (Sunday) Terryville, CT - **18th Annual Connecticut Bug-A-Fair** at the Terryville Fairgrounds, 129-176 Town Hill

Road. Overnight Camping the night before, \$10/vehicle. Car show, 40 classes, over 100 awards. Swap meet, new parts vendors, games for kids. Car show surface is grass. Dash plaques to first 300 registered cars. Spectator Admission - \$7.00, Kids Under 12 are free, Car Show Admission - \$13.00 (Car & Driver), Swap Spaces - \$30/Space. Food and indoor restrooms available. Event proceeds benefit the Terryville Lions Club. For more information, contact Chuck Piconski, (860)-283-5256 or email: [vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net)

August 16 (Sunday) Brewerton, NY - **Salt City VW Show** (Syracuse region) on a grassy field at Oneida Shores Park. Help make their 6th show their biggest and best year. Food, music, pet and kid friendly, a good time for all. Sponsored by the VWCCNY Club.

## September 2009

Sept 4-7 (Friday-Monday) - **Kampers Near Knoebels IX**, an annual Labor Day VW Bus Family Campout celebration to mark the end of the summer camping season. Located at Indian Head Campground, Bloomsburg, PA along the banks of the Susquehanna River and Fishing Creek. Enjoy short hikes, kayaking and canoeing, biking, campfire chats, the Friday evening ice cream social, Saturday morning caravan to Knoebels Amusement Park, and the Sunday brunch pot luck. Tent site price for group members is \$23 per night (regular price is \$29), and A section (W/E sites) is \$25 per night (regular price is \$31). Contact the campground directly for reservations. There is plenty of room for all VW/Corvair lovers. Hot showers and flush toilets just feet away from the group area. There's also a camp store. For more details check out this website: [www.geocities.com/bens\\_bus/knk.htm](http://www.geocities.com/bens_bus/knk.htm) Event organizers: Ben and Lynn Stiles <[lbstiles@verizon.net](mailto:lbstiles@verizon.net)>

Sept 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Standish, Maine – **Buses by the Buoy 2009** at the Friends & Family Campground, 140 Richville Road. For more information about this campground, go to their website: [www.friendsfamily.com](http://www.friendsfamily.com) There will be fantastic prizes, a caravan to somewhere, a shore dinner, and a Sunday pot luck breakfast. Little buses will be hidden around the campground as part of the scavenger hunt. T-shirts, free coffee, candy, and cigars will be available under the amazing illuminated canopy all weekend. Make your reservations early, the best camp sites will go quickly. Contact information for the campground: phone number: 207-642-2200, or [info@familynfriends.com](mailto:info@familynfriends.com) and for more information about the event, contact Michael and Sheila King: [bttb@radrunner.com](mailto:bttb@radrunner.com)

Sept 12 (Saturday), Deer Park, NY - **Long Island Volkswagen Club 8th Annual All VW Show** at the Knights of Columbus, 759 Long Island Ave. Show admission is free for spectators, free t-shirts for the first 100 show cars. Swap meet- new and used parts, 50/50 raffle, free Hotwheels racing competition, food and beverages, indoor restrooms. Show link: <http://www.livc.net/tbiab/index.html>

## October 2009

Sept 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Flanders, NJ **All Air-Cooled Gathering** hosted by the Central Jersey Volkswagen Society and the Swim and Sport Club located at 272 Emmans Rd. Come spend an all air-cooled VW weekend at this pastoral setting. Gates will open at 2:00 pm on Saturday for camping, and VW camaraderie, and again at 8:00 am on Sunday for the show and swap meet. Everyone is welcome to enter the show, daily drivers to show cars. As long as it's an air-cooled VW, it's welcome. All proceeds will go to the Jonathan Fund. A fund set up to help aid the family of Jonathan Ferguson, a local Flander's boy who was born with a debilitating medical condition. Trophies – Dash Plaques – Raffle Prizes – On-site bar and kitchen. The food is great and everything is reasonably priced. No need to bring your own food! Admission: Entrance to the show on Sunday – \$10.00; Swap Meet Space on Sunday [includes one pass to the show] – \$20.00; Overnight Camping [including two passes to the show] – \$30.00; Kids 12 and under – FREE! For more information or to help sponsor this event, please e-mail Art Neary at [nearybros@yahoo.com](mailto:nearybros@yahoo.com) or Jeffrey Hicken at [jeffrey@cjvws.com](mailto:jeffrey@cjvws.com) or 908-377-5577

\*\*Sept 20 (Sunday) - Folding Party scheduled for 10 AM, at the home of Steve and Mary in Millbury, MA. For details and directions, email: [marbrawn@gmail.com](mailto:marbrawn@gmail.com)

\*\*Sept 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Watkins Glen, New York - **Westies at Watkins 2009**. Discover the beauty of the Watkins Glen Gorge and beautiful surrounding Finger Lakes Region of New York. Activities for all, including hiking, biking, caravanning, wine tasting, and campfire festivities. Campout in the Onondaga Village Loop at Watkins Glen State Park for \$20/night. No RESERVATIONS required. Full Moon Bus Club style - breakfast burritos will be served Saturday morning. Pot Luck Saturday night - bring a dish to share. Optional racetrack events on SUNDAY Sept. 27. We will be able to drive your VW on the racetrack for a few laps. (\$15 per vehicle). Come on the track or in the grand stands. For directions or more details and information on the campout and race track events contact Joel at [jcort@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcort@rochester.rr.com) or (585)-377-4161. Checkout the website for more info: [www.westies-at-watkins.org](http://www.westies-at-watkins.org)

Sept 26-27 (Sat-Sun) Middlebury CT - **October Fest 2009 German Car Show** presented by the Connecticut Volkswagen Association and Quassy Amusement Park. Save the date, more details as available, or contact CVA president Jeremy Clayton: [vwadct@comcast.net](mailto:vwadct@comcast.net) or (860) 539-9704

October 8 -11 (Thurs-Sun) Greensboro, NC **EveryBus XI** held at Hagan-Stone Park located approximately 10 miles south of Greensboro. This event has been held in April in past years, but has been moved to October this year. Campground facilities include 2 heated bathhouses with showers. The camping fee is about \$15 per night, and no pre-registration is required. Just sign in at the registration table when you arrive, pay the fees, and receive your camping permit. No need to contact the park. There's room for 175 to 200 buses in the camping area, (C-loop). There are only 40 hook-ups, so arrive early if you want them and be prepared to share with other campers. Count on good food, music, and fun for the kids. **Please note: The possession and consumption of alcohol (beer, wine, and liquor) is prohibited within HSP and the campground, so none of these articles should be visible. All pets at HSP must be on a leash and pet owners must clean up after their animals.** If you need information on boarding your dog in the Greensboro area while you attend to EB, please contact event organizer, who can be reached by email at [everybus@mindspring.com](mailto:everybus@mindspring.com) For more information, go to the website: <http://www.mindspring.com/~everybus/>

\*\*October 11 (Sunday) - Brookline, MA - **Transporterfest/VW Day** at the historic Larz Anderson Auto museum. All VWs welcome; shiny, rusty, leaky, we love them all. Auto museum admission included with the registration fee. \$12 includes parking spot on the lawn and admission for everyone in the vehicle. \$25 for swap meet space. Event is held rain or shine. Please don't pre-register, just pay on the way in. Campout being planned for the night before the show, location will be determined later. For more information contact Stanagon: [stan\\_wohlfarth@msn.com](mailto:stan_wohlfarth@msn.com) or 508-333-7813. Directions and more info about the museum can be found here: <http://www.larzanderson.org>

## November 2009

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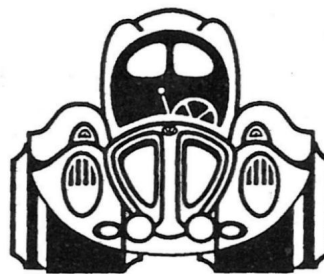
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# **Kleckners Corner**

'Jon Sez'.....We're off to a new adventure this summer after a full springtime of events and gatherings, some new, and some improved. In mid-May, some 72 busses came to Granny Grose's including several LIMBO folks from afar. Joel shows his ability to stretch the dollar well, as we first timers were impressed as I was told we would be. It was my first event in years which I drove a Bay Window to- reminding me what a pleasure it is to drive one for a change, as I hope to have my '72 Riveria/Westy up and running next year.

After 17 years of Westy's in the Woods, some displaced campers had a gathering at Mauch Chunk Lake Park in Jim Thorpe, Pa., thanks to Ken and Malissa. Jim Thorpe, [previously named Mauch Chunk] is less than an hour from the Delaware Water Gap. We hope to be there next year as well. This part of Pennsylvania is considered to be the 'Swiss Alps' of the state due to it's unique terrain, reminding me of Helen, Ga., also having similar geography.

In June, Busses by the Big Duck proved to be the best one ever after 9 years at the Riverhead, Long Island location. This year we had about 25 busses. Several campers west of New York City have expressed a hardship in traveling through the city in order to get there. This year, I left my home at 9:30 am and

left to return at 2:pm averaging 65mph throughout the trip. As a person who truly dislikes traffic jams like myself, I've never had a problem making it to the 'Duck.' This year we had a great time together, especially the children. Like fine wine, our host Andrea makes it better each year.

Last month I was talking about the possibility of a campout at a farm near my home in West Milford, N.J. A few weeks ago, we were offered a better location at a former KOA campground also owned by the town. Other Limbo Members have come up with the idea of having a campout on Columbus Day weekend there, which would coincide with the Autumn Lights Festival here, an event 2 miles from the site, attracting thousands of people in the town center.

The KOA site has a pond, pavilion, main building, playground, and facilities, along with much room to grow. I hope to post it on the site soon as plans become more definite. We would like to



**Pond area at KOA campground**

make an event there sometime in the upcoming summer of 2010, also. West Milford is an hour north and west of NYC.

If anyone has a preferable date, please let me know.

Jon Kleckner

## **Welcome New Members!**

**Lee Drozdenko, Bristol, CT**

**David Lorenc, Washington, NJ**

**Billy Hirt, Marne, MI (two '84 Westfalias)**

**Gregory Schwarz, Egg Harbor City, NJ**

**Kevin Tanner, Plainview, NY ('86 Westfalia)**

**Terry Trombetta, Sterling, MA**





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

## Evans and Beth Waldron

An Interview with Evans

### *Tell us about yourself and your family:*

I am an Industrial Engineer at Schott Lighting and Imaging in Southbridge MA. Beth works for another fiber optics company in Charlton MA as a Benefits specialist. Between us we have 4 kids who are all in their late 20's to early 30's.

The Waldron's 83.5 Vanagon



### *Tell us the story about how you got your Vanagon:*

My ownership of the van started in April 2001 when my father gave it to me when I asked if he would mind if I registered it. As I write this it is the Saturday before Father's day and we will be seeing him and my mom tomorrow at my sisters. His name is also Evans and he is 86 years old.

My first impression of this van was not good. My father let me drive it sometime in the mid 1990's and I thought it slow and with poor gas mileage. He bought it in 91 for \$5,800 and with 43,662 miles on it. He and my mother took it on many trips to New Hampshire, Florida and even to visit my sister in Seattle WA. It may have been after that trip that he stopped using it on long trips and that may have been because the driver's side wheel came off somewhere on the way home. When I got it, the speedometer did not work because the wheel came from a junkyard or at least the dust cap was for a passenger side without the square hole for the speedometer cable.

Anyway, a few years before I got the van in 2001, My buddy Ray was looking for a Vanagon and inquired about my Dad's. It had been in the back yard for several year; being used as a storage vehicle. Dad would not sell it to him, so Ray bought a 1984 low mileage Wolfsburg (very nice).

When I got the van in 2001, it needed some work and I ended up taking an auto body night course at the trade school in town and removed most of the dents and repainted it. That course was a lot of fun! The job is not of professional quality but did save it.

### *How Did you get Involved in LiMBO?*

I joined LiMBO after a camping trip to Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod, meeting up with Ray and his then wife Julie. Just outside the park, my water pump failed. I had all the hoses as well as the pump in the van along with my tools, so I thought I would attempt the repair at the campsite. After I got into the job, I realized I could not get out the water pump bolts.

Ray had a LiMBO newsletter in his van where I found the phone number of Dale Ward so I gave him a call hoping to learn how to get it out. I realized after talking to Dale that I needed a cut down Allen wrench. This meant I would not be getting the pump out on that Sunday. I ended up having the van towed the 100 miles home and joined LiMBO right after that!

Since then Beth and I have attended many great Limbo camping events, including Busses by the Big Duck, Busses by the Buoy, West River Westies, Transporters by the Tunnel, and even one in Cape May. The longest trip we did in the van was a 10-day, 2,300 mile trip to PEI. We look forward to attending at least some Limbo events each year.

So I started not thinking too much about VW vans but in a few years time we have had many great adventures in ours.

Evans



# TECH CORNER

## POPTOPPING A VANAGON



By: Ken & Malissa  
Weikel



We started with a 1989 Carat model van. Because we had just had a remanufactured engine installed, we decided that starting all over on another van just wasn't an option. We preferred the weekender model over the full Westy, anyway, so thus started our trek to convert what we had into what we wanted!



Marking drill holes

Kenny found a Westy top locally through a guy who sells a lot of 'good quality parts' at an ok price. (Well, he's a little expensive...but through experience, we found out it's you get what you pay for!) We picked up the top and hardware for \$500 (minus the skylight).

The top cleaned up beautifully with a little bleach water. As for the skylight, we lucked out and our mechanic happened to have had a wrecked Westy which still had the skylight intact (it was cracked) and he gave us the guts of it and all Kenny had to do was replace the plastic. That would have been an expensive endeavor had he not offered that up to us!

First step: mounting the luggage rack. Kenny was a little

nervous about this, but had a great idea on how to mark the drill holes. Using double sided foam tape on the metal brackets that would be screwed to the roof, he lowered the luggage rack down, unscrewed the brackets, and voila!, they stuck to the roof just as he planned! Whew, that was smooth!



Marking the roof

Next, Kenny started to mark the roof for the 'incision'. Kenny measured off of the support beams in order to draw the template. I came out just as he was about to make his first cut and he said, "I'm about to ruin a perfectly good van!". Well, we were both a little nervous! I could hear him sawing away in the garage and I couldn't bear to look! I came out to find him standing in the hole. He took great care to preserve the headliner so that it could be tucked away. It was by sheer accident that he discovered the luggage rack seal would perfectly finish off the cut and tuck in the headliner for a clean finish.

It took 2 seals to do the hole. He used the Bus Depot seals for the interior, but the Go Westy seals were much nicer on the Luggage Rack! Bolting the roof on was a little tricky. For the



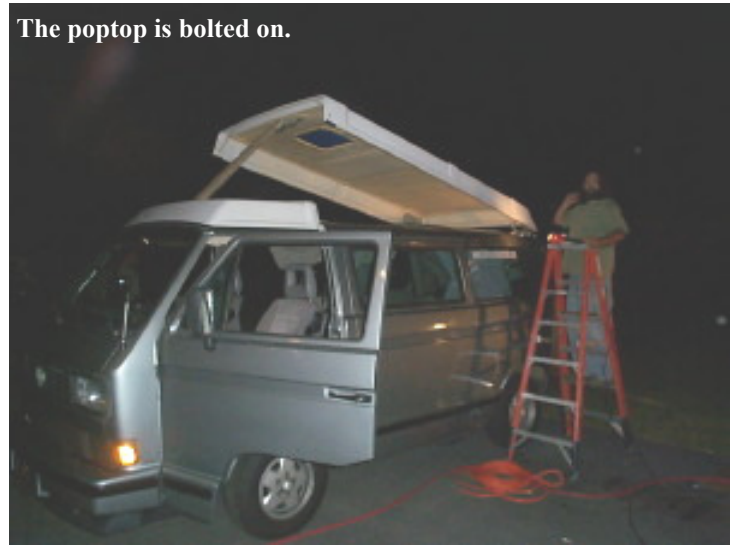
Marked for the incision



Luggage rack almost in place



The poptop is bolted on.



first time in the project, Kenny called for reinforcement. It definitely took a few hands to hold the roof steady to mark the hinge holes and mount it.

Our canvas had been ordered and was dropped shipped from Go Westy. It arrived just in time for our quick weekend getaway with our friend Bryan. Kenny and Bryan installed the canvas that weekend at the campground. Yes, at the campground! This whole process was done in about 2 weeks.



Bryan and Kenny installing the canvas

Kenny in the hole



We've included a bunch of pictures throughout the process...some were taken at night so they are a little dark. Hope you can use some!

To finalize the top, Kenny made a platform for up top and we used the larger Westy cushion from the top bed...it fits perfectly! Kenny also fabricated a wooden 'railing' that folds up to keep the kids from falling out. For now, one or both fit up there.

In a few years, we will have to come up with another plan to finish the full size bed, which requires moving a beam and welding. Kenny also has made a child's cot for the front seats using the 70's bus kid's cot brackets and some steel tubes, which is also working great for now. We hope to boot the kids out into a tent when they get a little older! Hahaha

Completed!





# SHOW AND EVENT RECAPS

## Granny Grose 5

Host Justin Baughman of Full Moon Bus Club sent an recap including the following:



Beetle owned by new LiMBO member Greg Schwarz

Camping up on the hill



The final tally for Buses 'n Bugs at GGB5....75 Buses and 5 Bugs!! Thanks to ALL who came out (and all who volunteered, sponsored, and donated) despite the sketchy weather! Overall the weather was good, but when it rained out it **POURED!**

THANK YOU Granny!! You are absolutely



Bertie, Amel, Brad and Nick

the best!! To allow us to pack 'em in like we do and setup our instant city. Thank you for your generosity and kind spirit. We were able to give Granny \$2078 this year. Up from roughly \$1100 last year.

Thanks to our fellow Bus clubs...LIMBO, South Jersey VW Club, The Empire VW Camping Club, and Bugpack!!

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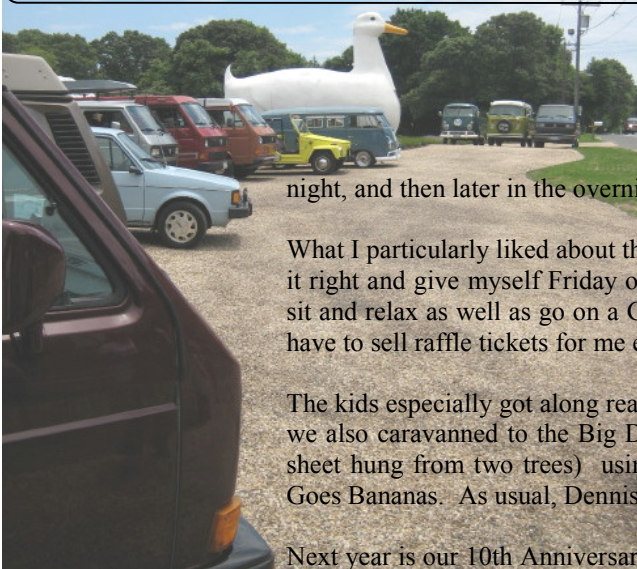


Cluster of LiMBO members' campers

## Buses by the Big Duck

By: Andrea Rasso

The 9th Annual Buses by the Big Duck was one of the best years ever. With 25 registered Buses, Vans, VW's and VW owners, we had great weather...well it rained but at the right time- when we were eating under the covered pavilion Saturday night, and then later in the overnight when we were sound asleep.



What I particularly liked about the weekend was my ability to finally get it right and give myself Friday off. All Wagon-Master duties began on Saturday. This gave me the opportunity to sit and relax as well as go on a Geo-caching hunt with some of the kids. I even gave Jamie Friday off....he did not have to sell raffle tickets for me either until Saturday afternoon.

The kids especially got along really great. Some even went swimming on Saturday down at the beach. On Saturday we also caravanned to the Big Duck for photos. After potluck and raffles, we showed movies on "big screen" (a sheet hung from two trees) using projector and laptop. The adults as well as the kids enjoyed Cars and Herbie Goes Bananas. As usual, Dennis Haynes was there to help keep the fire going!

Next year is our 10th Anniversary, and the planning has already begun. Check out the photos in the LiMBO album.



Frank Parsick sneaking on the kid's prize line.



Mike awarding his kid's prize



The pit crew is on the way to help a Vanagon that broke down in the park!



# BusFusion 2009

By: Mike Cuff

We had great weather, great activities and as always great buses & people. The longest distance traveled I believe was Calgary to Almonte via Texas, second longest: from Mississippi....y know....the imitation Mississippi...the one in the states.

154 busses were registered plus those who just stopped by for a visit and those who just parked out on the street and walked in for a visit. also got to couple of reports of

people who wanted to attend or did attend bus-less due to mechanical or not ready for the road yet.

As per usual the loaner boats were a big hit and seen a heck-uv-a-lotta use over the weekend.

Some attendees arrived extra early...like Tuesday early...who can blame em' such a nice place to just hang out & kick back.

Friday eve at the former Ironworks...now the Barley Mow Pub was as always phenomenal music & this year the food and service was



absolutely top notch....Huge thanks to the mgmt. & staff over there for making a great evening out for the Bus Fusion attendees.

The Saturday morning bike ride over to the mill was also a big hit. 24 bikes did the tour and the riders were all very impressed with the beauty of the mill and area surrounding it....not to mention the pretty scenic ride over. Also on Saturday morning as per usual the flea market was once again well attended both by buyers & sellers.

Bill Messmer of NJ



afternoon. about 5 campers stayed over Sunday evening to head out Monday morning.

See you all at BusFusion 2010 it'll be our 10th anniversary. We want to make it a huge blowout with the biggest attendance ever. if you have any ideas or wish to contribute your time & or energy the sooner I know the better. and please let your Westy, Rialta & Transporter friends know early so they can write their plans to attend on their calendars early. as per usual it'll be the second full weekend in June.

See ya's on the road this summer!



A Harlequin Bay?

The puppy parade Saturday evening was once again a huge hit and a lotta laffs! Thanks to Phil Stephenson's m/c-ing and the great outfits which were made up for the puppies. Kids bubble & splash area was also a big hit...went thru a heck-uv-a-lotta bubble soap.

Sunday morning's burrito breakfast was hectic as per usual lotsa participation and my apple cinnamon quesadillas were a huge hit, next year I will plan on making more so everyone can try em'

Door prize time was also hectic but everyone got sumptin. The rain didn't fall until about 3

S u n d a y

Lakeside camping





# 21st Annual Litchfield Show

Report by: Andrea Rasso

Brad and I were on the fence whether or not to go— as were a lot of folks. With the amount of rain in the forecast and the flood watch, people were nervous of the event being cancelled. We planned to vend this year, and we did just that. Our arrival Saturday late afternoon was met with drizzle. We set up at “Tent City” as it was later referred to— by parking next to others with awnings and canopies already set up— sheltering us from the downpour that came later on in the evening. The rain did let up long enough for us to enjoy the complimentary dinner that was provided.



On line for buffet dinner Saturday

Mike Benthin takes a walk down the Bay Blvd.



Sunday morning started out cloudy and overcast, but blue skies did peek out for a bit. A passing rain storm came through as well. We were well protected as we shared sheltered vending space with Jim DiGennaro’s family.

Up on the show field, while attendance was light, Bay Window buses seemed to dominate this year.

Andrea and Brad’s Vending Setup



Our ride home via the ferry was wonderful. Several other V-Dub owners were on the ferry with us and the sun was out.



Some Splits, Bays and Vanagons

Report by: Nevin Lescher:

I left Harwinton just after the early afternoon shower and did not enter our Westy, so I have no idea what went on about the awards. Several Westies had already pulled out, so there weren’t many left in the Class Q class. There were at least

Marcus’s Vanagon



two for sale. The best Westy I saw

The Red Baron



belonged to Karl Benne’s son Marcus from Ontario, who also left early. It is a Syncro, with oversize tires, Bulli front end, Fiamma rollup awning, top mounted extra storage with adjacent solar panel to power the Vitrofrigo fridge ( like mine ). It is powered by a 2.2 Subaru engine.

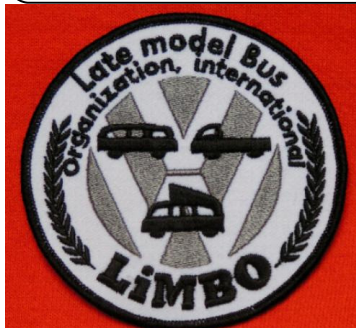


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# Cookin over the Campfire



## Shrimp and Pasta ala Tony

Over Memorial day weekend the Hole in the Woods Gang had an  
 impromptu campout at Tracey's log cabin on 4 acres of side hill in Ct.  
 After a Thursday night of drinking kakilla (tequila) Tony made us this  
 surprise dish.

As it turns out this was not the only surprise we would get this weekend,  
 you will have to ask Tony and Jen about that surprise. Congratulations  
 Tony and Jen.

Ok, on to the recipe at hand,

What you will need:

- 4 lbs of shrimp (cleaned and peeled)
- 1 large onion
- 1 green bell pepper
- 4 garlic cloves
- 3 small zucchinis
- 1 stick of butter
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- A bunch of fresh basil
- 1 lb of pasta your choice
- salt and pepper to taste.



Ok lets get cooking Tony says, "What the heck do we do first? We  
 chop the veggies". I think Tony has tequila on his mind (me too). With  
 that said, lets get chopping. Now with all the veggies ready get a 14 inch  
 fry pan on the fire (propane fire, that is). Next get a big pot going to  
 boil water for the pasta (add some salt to the water). This goes very fast  
 and only takes a short time to make.

With the fry pan hot, throw the butter and olive oil in, next put  
 the veggies in with some salt and pepper and let cook till soft. When the  
 pasta is ready, drain it- but save 1 cup of the broth. When the veggies  
 are soft, throw the shrimp in the fry pan and stir. They only take a  
 couple of minutes to cook. Now throw the pasta and the cup of broth in  
 the fry pan with the fresh basil...and you have Tony's Shrimp and Pasta  
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# They Are (We Are) Coming To America

By: Gary M. Byers



Guten Tag from the Fatherland. After six years of living in Germany, Uncle Sam finally got wise and decided it was time for the Byers family to return to the United States. My oldest son, Derrick started his 7th grade year here and just graduated from the Mannheim American High School. Has it really been that long!?! July 1st we're coming to America, so by the time you read this, we will already be back.

After getting my family settled in Pennsylvania, so the kids can spend time with their cousins, aunts, uncles, grandma's, etc...I will be headed down to Ft Bliss, TX by myself for a 10 month long school. Then in May or June of next year, we should be headed back to Ft Leavenworth, KS.....(I knew I shouldn't have sold my house there). I am looking forward to linking back up with the Mo-Kan VW Club again.

On a boat, somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean, on their way to the States, is our VW bus collection; Oscar, our 2002 EuroVan (never been registered in the US, I have the original certificate of origin); Doka, our 1983 Double Cab; Clementine, our 1981 double sliding door Transporter which I recently bought; and in a couple of weeks is Lucy, our 1991 Vanagon, which just rolled over 200,000 miles.

All of the preparations for moving only gave us enough time to attend two VW camping events this season. We were only able to visit since all of our camping gear and household items are already shipped. I do plan to visit the Hockenheinring VW bus event on the last weekend in June.....just gotta get that last one in!!

I've tried to attach a couple of photos, but can't seem to get around the government's "automation police". Take care of your bus and it will take care of you.

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**PARTING  
SHOT**

**At Buses by the  
Big Duck '09**

The single cab was a big hit with the kids and adults alike. Brad offered rides to and from the group area to the pavilion for Sat. night potluck dinner and raffles.

