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VIEWS FROM THE WINDSHIELD



Yes, spring is here and the camping season is underway. Just wait till you see the Event Listings!



First thing I want to tell you is that the next newsletter submission deadline has been moved up to **June 20th 2009** due to my vacation schedule. So, go ahead and send off those articles that you keep telling yourself you are going to write.

This issue has a story by Linda Brown on the acquisition of Moose, a '75 Camper. Great story!! Thanks Linda. I too am manually challenged.

We spotlight Joel Cort in this issue. Joel is always contributing to the newsletter, and it was quite fitting to acknowledge him with the spotlight— as well as that vintage cover shot. Joel tells me he was in prime shape as he had just bicycled through Europe for three months.

Paul Abdis wrote "Not" Another Bus Story. The story has yet to unfold...you'll see what I mean when you read it.

We have 4 event recaps including contribution by Coy Bethune who mentions wanting a Subaru conversion someday. Well Coy, Brad and I just took that leap. The Blue Max is newly converted to Subaru power! Continental Divide, here we come.

On a "cute" note. I just bought a new Garmin Nuvi GPS. On the Garmin website, you have the ability to download different vehicles— non specific makes/models of



course. I was excited that there was a generic van...hmm. I guess as long as there is no VW emblem (a big "G" in its place) it is generic. That's it. Just wanted to share that with you.

Well, I leave you with a plug for the 9th Annual Buses by the Big Duck Campout on Long Island June 12-14th. For more info, check out: <http://arasso.tripod.com>.

Andrea

**REMEMBER:
Next Deadline June 20th!**

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In Memory Of Gretchen Crystal Scovell (Silver German Shepherd)



Born May 22, 1995
DD Dec. 17, 2008

She will be best remembered for her gentle loving nature, and the love of people.

She made friends from Alaska to Florida to Canada, as well as countless four legged friends.

And well traveled, she has camped in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New York, And Mt. Washington New Hampshire. She went to many Volkswagen shows and campouts.

She always got the fold out bed in the Westy while I slept in a tent.

She was well loved and is well missed.

Editor's Note: Condolences to Dale Scovell (Gretchen's best friend). Anyone who has ever met Gretchen knows what a kind, gentle dog she was. She will be missed.



Fellow VW Enthusiasts,

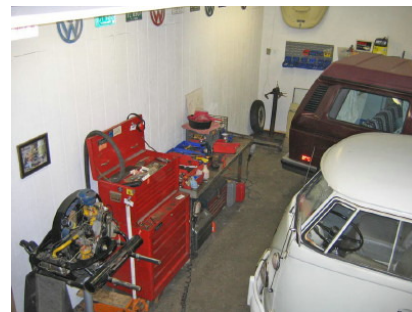
April 1st, 2009 was move in day for my new shop in Natick, MA.

I now have plenty of room and a great facility to work on Volkswagens full time. The first two weeks have already been busy with two nice Vanagon campers and an original paint '72 Super Beetle coming through the shop. I also made a house call this week in Concord and was able to get a sweet '74 Thing to run well enough to get it in for more service at the shop.



In addition to house calls, I will also be available for Saturday morning hours at the shop. The shop is located near the intersections of Speen St. and Rt. 135, about 1 mile west of Natick Center. It's about 10 minutes from exit 13 of the MA turnpike (I-90). I can also provide drop off service at the Natick Center commuter rail station. I'm in the very back of large building that also houses Pierce Collision, Landshark BMW and Nick Brown's Automotive (import and domestic repair). I'm in the very rear, behind the Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 135.

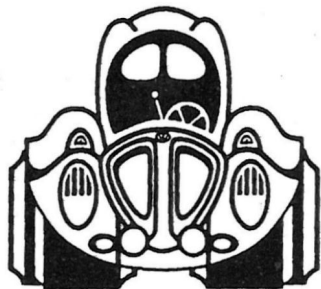
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MEET MOOSE

By: Linda Brown

Karl and I love to go camping, and we always take Karl's 1972 Westy Camper, Hansie. We really enjoy ourselves at the campouts and we love talking VW. Anyone who knows Karl knows that Hansie is his pride and joy. But I digress, that is a story unto itself. Whenever we go out in the bus, Karl always has to do all of the driving because I am manual bus challenged. This year, for some strange reason (and I cannot image why he would want to try this) Karl decided he was going to teach me how to drive a stick. We should have known from that beginning that this was a recipe for disaster. He started out by using Hansie for our first lesson. Well, it quickly became apparent to both of us, that was a big mistake. Never one to turn down a challenge, Karl decided to go with using his 1974 Super Beetle. He thought it would be easier for me to practice on a small car instead of a bus. Again, big mistake. The poor vehicles, or the helpless victims of this crime (whichever way you look at it) did not fare very well. Neither did Karl. Needless to say, this was not the best idea for any of us involved. After a few very unsuccessful attempts, much gear grinding on the VW's, multiple stalls and extremely

frayed nerves on Karl's part (not to mention the mass quantities of Busch beer he needed to consume to sit with me and bear the torture of his vehicles), Karl wisely accepted defeat and decided this was indeed a very bad idea. Thus began the plan in his mind to find me an automatic bus. Both Hansie and the Super Beetle agreed wholeheartedly with his new plan. Karl spent weeks afterward begging Hansie to forgive him for his lack of insight into letting me behind the wheel. Hansie eventually came around and forgave him, but to this day, I swear Hansie hasn't forgiven me. But the '66 Single Cab was just grateful he didn't have to leave the garage and be involved in this whole misguided, but well meaning adventure.

And so began his slow, methodical search for a good running automatic bus. Karl spent an immeasurable amount of time researching the internet, having lively discussions around the campfires at the campouts, going to different VW shows and car cruises, and (he old standby) word of mouth. Months went on and Winter turned to Spring, then Summer, then Fall, and still no automatic bus. I actually began to doubt that I would ever get a bus, but Karl doggedly kept on searching. Many leads went absolutely nowhere, and despair was starting to set in with me. Then we decided to go to the Blue Rocks Campout. Neither one of us had ever been there and it isn't even far from our home. The weather was unusually warm for Fall and it was a beautiful morning when we set out for our weekend camping adventure. As we began our journey we were totally unaware that this one trip would change our lives forever.

We arrived at Blue Rocks, and set up camp near Brad and Andrea Rasso. Slowly the buses drifted in until we had a nice little group of campers. As usual, talk around buses centered on the search for the automatic. Well as luck would have it, Karl was tossing around his bus finding plans with Brad Rasso, Mark Foster, Ron Maxon, Philadelphia Ken and Ken Weikel. We had seen Ken Weikel at several campouts with his wife Melissa and children, but had never actually spoken with him. And what do you know, but that Ken Weikel knew a guy from work who was possibly looking into selling his bus. It just happened to

be an automatic, and to make it perfect, a camper. Finally, a break in our case! Well, Karl jumped on that information. We got Ken's e-mail address and gave him ours along with our phone number. Ken agreed to talk to his fellow employee and give him our phone number so we could contact each other directly about the bus. We were given new hope. My dream of having my own bus was going to come true at last.

A few days after the campout we received the long awaited e-mail. Ken had seen the guy at work and had passed along our info. After several tortuous days, the call came from the owner of the automatic. A very nice man named Bill. And that kicked off many weeks of phone discussions between Karl and Bill about the possible sale of the bus. And through it all, there was the e-mail contact with Ken, who, I think, was as excited as we were about this new lead. It worked out that



Bill was looking into "maybe" a trade for a Super Beetle. And as luck would have it, we were in possession of a lovely Cherry Red 1974 Super Beetle. Bill really did not want to sell the bus, but rarely had the opportunity to drive it. If he did sell- he was hoping to find a good VW home for her. After a few more weeks of phone conversations we finally made arrangements to go down to Bills' home near Reading, PA.

So on a nice, sunny fall day, (at least I assumed it would be sunny, since Karl had us up and out the door at 5:00 AM) we took a leisurely drive to see Bill and the Bus. I say a nice leisurely

ride, but I actually mean the usual confusing traveling we do. I am not known as Linda, the girl who gets lost in a paper bag, for nothing. Karl actually thinks that I should be able to man the GPS. He cannot figure out how I can possibly still give him wrong directions. Then, on his own he figures out which way he is going from his road atlas and GPS. If there is one thing I do not possess, it is navigational skills. So basically every ride we take together is an adventure of mishaps. I must admit we have seen a lot of interesting sites finding our way back to our actual destinations. So, between my slightly off directions, my many requests for rest-area stops, a few well placed expletives from Karl (those of you who know and love Karl know how happy and cheerful he was at this point) and great deal of traffic, we finally arrived in the Reading area.

We came around a bend in the road and caught our first glimpse of the bus parked at the curb and all thoughts of killing each other disappeared completely. WHAM, love at first sight. And for two people who knew each other for over 25 years before they finally realized they should be together, love at first sight is a totally foreign concept for both of us. But there it was. The only way to describe the feeling at that moment was instant love, and we knew that this was the bus for us. Without even a close-up look we were totally enthralled. Of course since it was still so early when we arrived, we had to wait for poor Bill to get out of bed and get dressed to come out and greet us. We took the time we had alone to give the bus a good look-over and it was all that we had been looking for and more. Finally Bill came out to talk with us, but he was not quite ready at that point to sell her. He was very impressed with Karl's knowledge of VW's, and we struck up a friendship quite easily. He explained that he wanted the bus to be driven and loved by a caring family. So between us, we set out to convince Bill that we would be the best family for the bus to go to. We described our current VW situation to him. We have Karl's Hansie, and we also have a 1966 Single Cab Pick-Up Truck, named Button. At that point we also had a 1976 Westy as well as the 1974 Super. Now Karl, who is a Master Carpenter by trade, had just finished building our new home, and he made sure his garage was big enough to fill up with Volkswagens. So, it took a great

deal of persuasion on our part, but we were able to make an agreement with Bill to come back down the following day with the Super Beetle and “toss” around the swap idea. I was thrilled with the idea of swapping, not so thrilled about another day on the road with Karl and the GPS, but the decision was made. And I swear that the poor little bus looked so sad when she saw we were leaving her. Little did she know that we would be back the next day to rescue her.



So back home we went, uneventfully. Thank goodness. We started the trek all over again the next day. This time with no mishaps, since Karl now knew the way. He never forgets a route he has taken. My birthday- yes he can forget that...but not a route. As we were driving down we were discussing our options for getting the bus. Now the Super Beetle is a wonderful little car, but alas I cannot drive it and we cannot camp in it. So even though we loved the little bug, it was time for him to move on to another VW family. Now when things are going smoothly on one of our road trip adventures, which believe me is a rare occurrence, I like to keep a low profile. But eventually I got up the courage to ask Karl what his intentions were for that day. He informed me that while they had only “discussed” the swap, that was exactly what they were going to do. And Karl is well known for not taking no for an answer. I don't know if Bill knew he was going to swap that day, but it was already his destiny to do so. And after another long talk with both Bill and his girlfriend this time, we became the proud owners of our 1975 Brilliant Orange Campmobile. Off the trailer came the little bug, and onto the trailer went the bus, which at this point was still unnamed. As a final farewell gesture, Karl pulled the little bug off the road and into Bill's garage. It was sad to see him go, but exciting at the same time to welcome into our family the sweet little bus. I am sure the little bug is very happy with Bill. We then dragged poor Bill directly to his local AAA, before he could change his mind and did the necessary paperwork. I am sure his head was still spinning when we were done with him. Karl wanted to make sure that everything was done properly because it would get him out of having to take another long adventurous ride with me. What a relief to finally hit the road with the bus behind us knowing she was now ours. We were as excited as a couple of kids at Christmas with a brand new gift we had waited all year for.

The kids were waiting in the driveway when we got home and they were so excited over the bus. She was immediately accepted as an important member of the family. We got out the hose, even though it was now January, and gave her a real good bath and scrubbed every inch of her. The top, which had appeared moldy, was actually only very dirty, and came out looking great. We brought out an array of cleaning supplies and whisked, scrubbed, dusted and vacuumed her down. I think she loved the feel of a real good cleaning. We all stepped back and admired our handy-work. But the cold of a January day drove us indoors, and the bus took up her parking spot in the new garage like a regal queen. We left her in peace and quiet to become acquainted with Button and Hansie. Right from the start they struck up a great friendship and Hansie was given a new girl-friend to park with.

For the next few days, I would constantly find reasons to go out to the garage just to admire the bus and absorb the fact that she was my very own special lady. We wanted to find a perfect match name for her. My daughter Molley bought her a beautiful peace sign necklace to hang from the rear-view mirror. A few evenings later, my daughter Carey, who was home for Christmas break from college, came home from work with an adorable small stuffed moose. She left it laying on Karl's recliner in the parlor and went to sleep. The next morning Karl discovered the stuffed animal and felt it was just the thing the bus needed. He went down to the garage and placed it on the dashboard. He called me down

to the garage and declared that he had found the perfect name for the little camper, Moose! One look at the little white and brown stuffed moose sitting on the dashboard convinced me that this was indeed the perfect little name for our perfect little camper. And thus Moose was born. She is now my pride and joy and I take her everywhere. I cannot tell you how many compliments I have gotten on her.

Our first official trip in Moose was to the February Blizzard-Out Campout at Otter Lake, here in North East PA. I could not wait for my buddy, Jon

Kleckner, to get a look at her because I value his opinion and his knowledge of VW's. Jon made a few suggestions, which Karl took into consideration, and helped to make my bus even better. Thank you Jon! I was also eager to show Brad and Andrea Rasso and Mark and Carol Foster and Ron and Becky Maxon and of course Ken and Melissa Weikel. Without Ken's casual mention of an auto bus way back in the fall and without whose help, I would never have gotten my Moose. I was so glad they were all at the camp-out. And when we woke up Sunday morning to a lovely coat of fresh fallen snow, my little camper looked like an angel all covered with a fine white lace shawl of delicate snowflakes. I will never forget how beautiful she looked and how happy, and really cold we were that day. Our Volkswagen family had made our family of VW's complete with the addition of Moose.

Now we have made a lot of little changes and put a lot into our Moose. Karl does all of the mechanics as well as the interior and exterior work that needs to be done (just like he does with all of our VW's). Karl works very hard, but he always makes time to work on the Volkswagens. I know I don't tell him as often as I should how eternally grateful

I am that he never gave up on getting me this bus for all of his time, effort and the money he has spent sprucing up and for making sure she is safe



At the Blizzard-Out Campout

for me to drive. I love him as much as I do my bus, almost! He was definitely worth a 25 year wait. What could be better than having your own personal Volkswagen mechanic at your disposal 24 hours a day?

My daughter Molley gets to ride in the bus a lot. She is a senior in high school. Carey is a freshman at college and she can't wait to get home and go out in the bus with us. Now the girls want a bus of their own since they will both be in college this fall. I only hope Karl will have the strength to continue that idea. Karl's son Brian, who is also a senior in high school, looks to be getting bit by the Volkswagen bug also. He is now interested in working on the Volkswagens with his dad.

And the saga continues another generation. Thank Goodness. And even though I still make Karl crazy with my lack of navigational skills and I still get lost on the road, I feel much better being lost with my Moose. We look forward to seeing everyone this camping season. We plan to alternate bringing Moose and Hansie. We may even bring Button!

Happy Camping!!!

COMING EVENTS

Coming Events is the place to get your bus or VW related event listed! Please send the vital stats: date, time, location, activities, costs, and contact person/phone number or address. Plan ahead and list your event early for maximum participation. For more information on any event, please contact Tom & Linda, the event coordinators, at volkswagenri@cox.net, 401-762-2448 or email to events@limbobus.com. Snail mail can be sent to: Coming Events, c/o Linda Manion, 286 Fourth Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Next deadline of June 20th.

May 2009

May 30 (Saturday) Chicopee, MA - Beetle & Bus Cruise. Water & Air Cooled Volkswagen Beetles and Buses meet at 147 Chapel Street in Chicopee at 11AM and cruise to the Belchertown Quabbin Reservoir. After a "meet & greet" on Chapel Street, the ride begins at 12 noon. Other Volkswagens are encouraged to join the cruise along the way. Pack a lunch, chairs, umbrellas if necessary, dogs, family and friends. Once the group arrives at the Quabbin, cars are lined up along the gravel area (try not to park on the grass). If you bring a dog, he or she may meet some interesting new friends! Plenty of grassy areas to throw around a Frisbee or football. There's a tower up on the hill for some breathtaking Volkswagen scenery and photo ops. Yes there ARE bathrooms at the park. This event is celebrated RAIN or SHINE! DIRECTIONS TO CHICOPEE MEETING SPOT: From Rte 91: Rte 391 to Exit 4, take right onto Grattan St., at 2nd light take left onto Chapel St. (church on corner). From Mass Pike: Exit 5, go through tolls, bear left, at end of ramp take right (facing U-Haul), at first intersection/light take left and STAY left on Granby Rd., take right onto Chapel St. (Mr. Cone ice cream on corner). Questions? Call us at 413-532-0249 or email weissbiergirl@aol.com

May 31 (Sunday) Stockbridge, MA - 9th Annual Arlo Guthrie's Historic Garbage Trail Walk to Massacree Huntington's Disease. This year, the walk begins at Alice's Restaurant" (Theresa's Stockbridge Cafe) and ends at the church (The Guthrie Center). Everyone will still park at The Guthrie Center and register, then get a VW microbus ride to Theresa's. You can buy a quick breakfast at the cafe before the walk begins at 10AM. There will be several stops along the historic garbage trail, including the police station and the town dump. You can get more information about the walk at this website: www.freewebs.com/hdwalk or contact Lisa Guthrie at 413-528-1955. PLEASE NOTE: VW buses are needed to transport walkers!! If you can help, please contact Lisa or Jim Digennaro, the bus coordinator, at 413-743-4968 or mrlimbo@limbobus.org

June 2009

**June 11-14 (Thurs-Sun), Almonte, Mississippi Mills, Ontario Canada - Busfusion 2009 at the North Lanark Agricultural Society Almonte Fairgrounds, located 35 km west of Ottawa, on the banks of the Mississippi River. The fairgrounds have level camping spots along the banks of the Mississippi, toilet facilities running water, a

dump station, and a building for a communal dinner, swap meet and gathering. With the Fairgrounds being just a few minutes walk to the town center, there will be no need to move your vehicles to visit Almonte. Bring your bikes for a countryside ride. Other possible events include a Busfusion Music Jam and the Ironworks Pub on Friday night, and a tour of Canada's Cold War Museum. The pre-registration deadline is May 30. The fee is \$20, and includes a Busfusion T-shirt and vehicle magnet. You can order extra T-shirt for \$20 each. Registration at the gate is \$20, but does not include a T-shirt or magnet. (There will be a limited number of T-shirts available at the event for \$20.) Camping fees: \$15 per night, \$17 with electricity. For more information and to fill out the pre-registration form, go to the website: www.busfusion.com The event organizer is Mike Cuff: economian@hotmail.com 613-432-7181, and you send the pre-registration forms to him.

**June 12-14 (Fri-Sun) Riverhead (Long Island), NY - 9th Annual Buses by the Big Duck at Indian Island Park Campground, which is located right on Flanders Bay, at the head of the twin forks. From here you can easily travel to the Hamptons, visit wine country, see Long Island's historic Big Duck, visit historic towns and villages, shop at the Tanger Outlets and do so much more. And, you can get there from Connecticut by taking a ferry! You can go from Bridgeport to Port Jefferson, website: <http://www.bpjferry.com> or New London to Orient Point, website: <http://www.longislandferry.com/> This is a LiMBO sponsored event, and details can be found at: <http://arasso.tripod.com> The cost is \$29 (cash only) per night, and we will camp in a reserved group area- with water and electric. Local Suffolk County residents pay \$19 per night, but must also have a Green Key Park Pass. Payment will be collected by Andrea at time of arrival, but please check in at the parks front office first for dash tag. If you plan on arriving after 10 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m., please inform Andrea ahead of time so we can let the park know Potluck and raffles on Saturday night. Contact Andrea and Brad at rassovw@hotmail.com

June 21 (Sunday) Harwinton, CT - 21st Annual Litchfield Bug In at the Harwinton Fairgrounds, 201-232 Locust Road. Overnight Camping the night before with clean restrooms and hot showers - \$12/vehicle. Car Show - 40 classes, over 100 awards. Swap meet with over 100 vendors outside and inside buildings. Free Bug In Bash party the night before with FREE food catered by the Texas Grill at the fairgrounds. Pancake breakfast at firehouse on Sunday morning. Car show surface is grass, and there's food & facilities. Dash plaques to first 300 registered cars. Spectator Admission - \$7.00, Car Show Admission - \$13.00 (Car & Driver), Swap Spaces - \$30/Space, Vendors - \$25/Space. Pre-registered vendors inquire about inside and outside spaces. Event Proceeds to Charity (Bronc Callahan Community Fund). For more information, contact Chuck Pisconski - (860)-283-5256 or email: vwsplitman@sbeglobal.net

July 2009

July 12 (Sunday) Lebanon CT - Connecticut Volkswagen Club's 5th Annual New England Volks-Meet at the new location of the Lebanon Lions Fairgrounds. This show will be to commemorate the twenty fourth anniversary of the CVA. Saturday night there will be camping available on the grounds and the usual campfires for telling your old Volkswagen stories. There will also be a live band and maybe a local car cruise. On Sunday the car show and swap

meet will take place. There will be plenty of vendors and a people's choice car show. This event will be open to all Volkswagen and German cars, owners and anyone who just enjoys a great day out. The show starts at 9am and goes on until 3pm. Trophies will be awarded by people's choice in many different classes. The show will be held rain or shine. There will be dash plaques and goody bags to the first 200 cars. For additional info please call: Jeremy Clayton (860) 539-9704 vwadct@comcast.net or Milt McDonald (860) 982-0879 redbug203@sbcbglobal.net

**July 17-19 (Fri-Sun) Townshend, VT - West River Westies VI at Bald Mountain Campground. This is a great LiMBO sponsored event in beautiful southern Vermont adjacent to the West River. If the river level is high enough, this is a great place for Xtreme tubing. There are w/e hook-ups, bathrooms and showers. Further details will be forthcoming from Nev and Sue Lescher, your Wagonmasters: nesu@cox.net

**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

August 2009

August 7-9 (Fri-Sun), Brooklin Ontario, 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

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 Pisconski, (860)-283-5256 or email: vwsplitman@sbcbglobal.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 Event organizers: Ben and Lynn Stiles <lbstiles@verizon.net>

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>

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 or Jeffrey Hicken at 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

**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

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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 or (585)-377-4161. Checkout the website for more info: www.westies-at-watkins.org



October 2009

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 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 or 508-333-7813. Directions and more info about the museum can be found here: <http://www.larzanderson.org>

November 2009

**Nov 22 (Sunday) - Folding Party at the home of Coy and Lynn in beautiful Bristol, RI. Start time is 10 MA. Contact Coy for directions: 401-254-2350 or coyandlynn83@hotmail.com.

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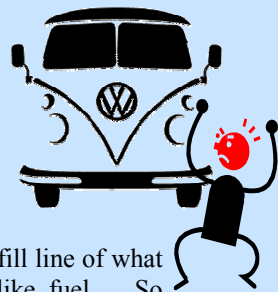
By: Dale Scovell
Salem, Connecticut

So, I planned to go to West River Westies Campout at Bald Mountain Vermont in 2008 in my 1967 Camper. In fact, I was en-route through back roads from Salem to Townsend (due to the heavy traffic on Route 91 from Hartford to Holyoke Mass). My plan was to reconnect on Route. 91 north.

On the way I noticed that my camper was running ok, except it had absolutely no power on hills. Thinking it was fuel, I added some additive and new fuel -but there was no improvement. So after sitting on the side of the road for a spell I decided to drive it home.

I then went through the whole engine problem solving steps; I checked the plugs, wires, point, condenser and coil. It sounded good and now seemed to be running better. So, I made another attempt to go. About a mile and a half away from my house it broke down. This has never happened before.

At this point I gave up trying to make it north to the campout...and sulked the rest of the day, which for some reason turned into a couple of days.

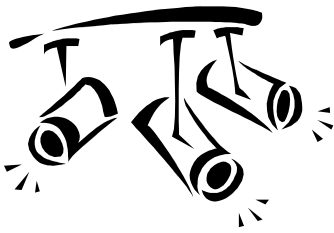


I checked the oil. It was way over the fill line of what I had put in and it smelled a little like fuel. So thinking now it may have something to do with the carburetor. I started taking the fuel line off.

Eureka!! The fuel was just pouring out of the fuel pump.

It turned out that check valve was shot on the fuel pump- which also explains why I was losing fuel mileage over the last few years from 32mpg to 22mpg.

Well I believe its fixed and I'm looking forward to the VW campouts this year- especially West River Westies. Hope to see you there.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOEL COPT

Where do you live:

Fairport, NY – Erie Canal town in the suburbs of Rochester

What do you do for a living:

I work for Xerox Corporation as a computer security expert. I apply my 20 plus years of computer industry expertise and knowledge of information system security and keep the company's computer systems operating as securely as possible.

Tell me about your family:

I am 55, recently divorced and have two daughters: Joelle - 22

and Catherine – 19 who both love to camp and I have my trusty dog, Remy the Labradoodle

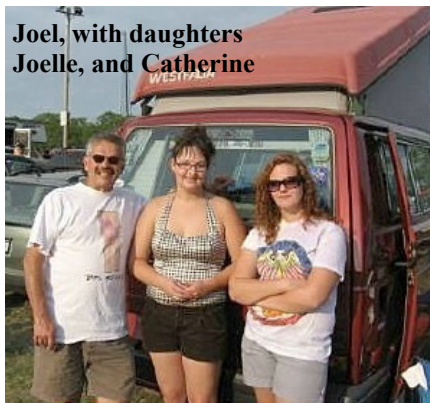
How/when did you gain your appreciation of VW's:

When I was growing up in the 60's in Southern California my father worked for Ballard Motors VW in Fullerton. At time the dealers were always busy and my father was good and could do 3 clutch jobs in a day. He then branched off and started his own VW repair garage and employed my brother and I as his chief part washers and part fetchers. I learned a lot helping and watching my father do his magic and get the cars rolling again.

I took some geology classes with a crazy professor at Fullerton College. He took us out in the desert on field trips to go mineral collecting. He drove a 68 Dove Blue panel van all fixed up with accommodations on the inside. His van had everything needed at a campsite. I wanted one too. I am still good friends with this guy and he still drives an 84 Vanagon Transporter which has over 400k miles on the original engine.

At my dad's shop, a lady came in with a 69 Westy and a blown engine. She did not want to spend any more money on it. He acquired the van for a song and I began right away working on a new engine in my new van. Van #1 at 20. I loved that van and put all the bling I could at the time into the engine. I drove that van throughout California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Arizona for about 5 years. As a geologist, the van was perfect to go exploring on old mining roads in the middle of

Joel, with daughters Joelle, and Catherine



the desert and perfect to camp in. I thought I could move up in the world... and acquired a 78 Westy. I drove that around for a few years in Utah. Utah winters are as fierce as NY

winters, just not as long. Well when VW introduced the wasser-boxers with the idea of heat in the van, I had to get one. I purchased a brand new Wolfsburg edition Westy off the showroom floor in Provo Utah for \$18,000 in 1983. I drove the heck out of it putting 45K miles in just over a year. I had to sell it in 1985 to go back to grad school in Boston. Long dry spell hiatus from VW vans until 1998 when I acquired a 1989 Syncro Westy camper from the VW dealer in Oneonta, NY. I thought that it was pretty pricey at \$8000, look at the crazy prices now.

What is in your current fleet/ what have you owned prior Owned Prior

- 69 Westfalia Campmobile
- 66 Walkthrough (brother's van)
- 77 Transporter
- 78 Westfalia Campmobile
- 83.5 Wolfsburg Westfalia Vanagon
- 89 Syncro Westfalia Vanagon
- 84 Westfalia Vanagon

Own Current

- 89 Syncro Westfalia Vanagon
- 87 Syncro Transporter
- 73 Westfalia Campmobile

I currently own a 1989 Syncro Westy Camper. At one time I had 2 identical Titian Red twins in my driveway. I also own a 1987 Syncro Transporter that was meant to be a winter vehicle. Last year I saved one Bay from the crusher and acquired a 73 Westy Campmobile that I plan to bring back to life.

What else would you like to include:

- *I have been involved with the Vanagon Community since 1996.
- *Western NY LiMBO Representative
- *Founding member of the Empire VW Camping Club.
- *Organizer of the Westies at Watkins annual campout and race event.

I love tinkering and working on vans. I have to work on my own vehicles because there is no one left that you can trust and know what to do to our beloved vans.

I plan to continue and expand the camping experience in these wonderful vehicles.

Joel

TRANSPORTER RITES OF SPRING CAMPOUT AT THE WARD FAMILY ESTATE APRIL 25TH, 2009

BY: DALE WARD

As many of you already know, the Transporter Rites of Spring has been the season opening event for the New England contingent of NEATO/LiMBO since at least 1985. That's right, this was before there even was a LiMBO! For nearly 25 years we early and late bus enthusiasts have either enjoyed or endured high winds, rain, snow, and even occasional perfect beach weather at various waterfront locations in and around Southeastern Massachusetts, the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Things changed last year when we were "informed" by the RI Department of Environmental Management that we would need a permit, insurance, and no alcohol to meet in a deserted, windblown parking lot in Westerly. So



"Ski Ward" Hill

At the Ward Family Estate



at this year's annual meeting the heroic decision was made to find a new, more bus friendly venue. The default location was my parent's backyard. This is no ordinary backyard. We have over 64 acres of property, including the SkiWard ski area www.skiward.com. One of the very first mechanized ski slopes in New England. Things began at 10am Saturday, as day trippers and campers began to roll in. We had a nice clean Porta-



Dale on his John Deere

low cost/no cost events continue. I know it's just a sign of the times, and maybe necessary, but the financial considerations and red tape are

parking lot in Westerly. So at this year's annual meeting the heroic decision was made to find a new, more bus friendly venue. The default location was my parent's backyard. This is no ordinary backyard. We have over 64 acres of property, including the SkiWard ski area www.skiward.com. One of the very first mechanized ski slopes in New England.

Things began at 10am Saturday, as day trippers and campers began to roll in. We had a nice clean Porta-

Potti (something that was woefully missing at previous locations) and pizza for all. Some of us even hiked up the ski hill and enjoyed tossing around the residual man made snow in 85 degree weather. About half of those in attendance stayed for the free camping, fire, and subsequent drinkfest. Needless to say, "a good time was had by all". Sunday morning, campers were given the option of preparing their own breakfast, or my choice of going to the local eatery for a bargain priced giant meal of eggs, sausage, bacon, homes fries, pancakes and no charge all you can drink coffee. Those of us who could still fit behind our steering wheels motored 65 miles down the road to the Connecticut Volkswagen Association Spring Dust-Off at Mansfield Hollow State Park. This is another long time, free, event that is being compromised because of permitting and insurance considerations.

I think we all want to see our

causing no end of misery. We law abiding members of the bus driving public just want to hang out in our VW's. If you've got any ideas, let us know. Until then, the backyard is available to all. I think we'll be doing something again Fourth of July Weekend.



Caravanning to the CVA Dust Off

BY: COY BETHUNE

Living near the water in R.I. it was quite comfortable last Saturday as we drove to Shrewsbury for the Transporter Rites of Spring. However as we got more inland it got HOT!! So we had to stop for ice cream and go change into shorts. When we arrived there were several Buses and Vanagons there. Sorry no Eurovans this year or Routans for that matter.

We all parked in a semi-circle near the road for all to see, which was cool because a couple of people stopped in to ask us what was going on. One of these guys ended up hanging out with us all day with his daughter in tow. He really seemed to enjoy himself. As for the other guy, he was heading somewhere so I gave him a newsletter and application and off he went. I always have old newsletter copies with applications in my cars to hand out. We all sat around chatting 'till the pizza got there (thanks Dale and Barry it was de'lish).

As it started to get dark we went farther back on the property and up the hill for the campfire. Again we circled the "wagens". We chatted and shared stories until bedtime. In the morning after breakfast we hit the road and headed for Connecticut.

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CVA DUST OFF

MANSFIELD HOLLOW STATE PARK

APRIL 26TH, 2009

BY: COY BETHUNE

The CVA Dust Off was great. As usual we got our dash plaques and were warned to keep the alcohol out of site and not to do any burnouts as the park the police were watching!! We saw lots of old friends and kool cars and trucks; everything from single cabs and Westies to Porches 911s, 914s and Mercur XR4TIs.



BY NEVIN LESCHER

This year's Dustoff attracted some 200 Volkswagen vehicles of all models and age. It was a beautiful spring day (more like summer) with a record setting temperature of 89. There was a good turnout of Transporter models from T-1 to T-3, including Panel Vans, Single Cabs, conventional Vans and many Westfalia Camper models. Many in good to showroom condition and some not, but all running.



LiMBO members who were there, some with and some without vehicles: Tom Power and Linda Manion, Dale Ward, John Jordan, John Netsel, Kevin Kruger, Stan Wohlfarth, Tony Pellitier and Coy Bethune and family. There may have been others too.

Just after we pulled into Mansfield SP at about 10AM and got set up and

organized, I was talking to Tom Power and Linda Manion about our new fridge installation when I noticed a tall, handsome fellow standing, waiting at the rear of our Westy. After Tom and Linda left, he approached and said to me, "Didn't you work for Hamilton-Standard in Manufacturing Engineering?". It took me a moment to absorb that question and I answered, "Yes, and how did you know that?". So then I overcame my senior moment and started up my memory banks to see who this fellow was and how he knew me.

Amazing, after 18 years he spotted me coming in and after some exchanges, we talked for a good half hour about the old times at old HSD. He was a senior engineer in Quality Control and headed up the Metrology Dept and retired 4 months before I did in 1991. He reminded me of a trip we made to Eastman Kodak in Rochester together, which I had forgotten about and reminded me that we had a good time up there!!!!!! He was always into Classic Cars and still is and now is restoring an old Beetle and is in process of restoration a Karman Ghia.

Now, how's that for a "Small World Volkswagen Story"?

Check out the photo gallery on LiMBO's site for additional photos.



We checked out the cars chatted and chillaxed into the afternoon. Two cars stood out to me; a 90s Mexican Beetle and the Pearl essence Dune Buggy I always see at Litchfield. The Dune Buggy is now powered with a sweet Subaru engine— a nice conversion that one I hope to do to my Vanagon! Sorry purist! This was a great way to start off the VW season.



Nevin and Sue



The Transporter



At the Dust Off

KLECKNER'S CORNER

By: Jon Kleckner; President of LiMBO

Greetings to our LiMBO members. It's my favorite time of year-Spring. Vegetation is out, mild weather is here, the future is ours. It's not that I don't like Winter, but this past one has been the most severe one in memory. I've been heating with wood for 32 years, and if one uses wood as a gauge, I've nearly run out more times than I can count. Yet, I made it through, even with recent 'North Country' insulation.

My first trip of the year was to a LiMBO meeting. It started with snow and never ended until crossing the N.Y line coming home. Reminds me of back in '69 when the route to Boston was closed, along with the "new" Rt. 495. As soon as it opened, I took my '61 camper up, nearly made it, but spun out into a ditch in the median. I walked to Franklin, Mass, and got my pals to pull me out. Now this was back in the days of bias ply tires when it was not easy to pilot our VW's- yet we took them ANYWHERE!

Fast forward to 2009. Staying at Dale's packed house the night before the LiMBO meeting (after a fun night out on the town in my Vanagon at nearly zero) proved to be a challenge, but hey, I made it through, with a little help from a 12 volt thermal "sleeper". In the morning, one could barely walk in the snow. The meeting at John Jordan's home was held in the beautiful glass walled clubhouse room with "Winter Wonderland" in view at all times. Well, it just goes to show a Boy Scout like me should know to "be prepared." Compliments have always gone to Brad and Andrea for being so well prepared; most notable in our 5 degree below campout a few years back in PA. in Feb. We were all shocked-particularly after spending time in the campground's heated pool and hot

tub. Pretending we were somewhere warm was met with the cold reality of the outdoors when we got back to the site.



The first campout of the year started with our "resurrected" winter campout in Pa. which worked out to be great- we did not quite get the "5 below" this year. The weather could not have been better; mild, with a coating of Sunday morning snow, and the right amount of firewood. There was great food, laughs and times.

Englishtown, N.J marked the second event with an estimated 8 thousand people attending, with scores of vendors and VW's. In April, the "new" event at the Ward's had everything one would want, even with the Ward "moving porta-potty", food, and shower, [who could ask for more luxury]. The following day we caravanned to Mansfield, Ct. to the spring show, [first time for me, at this most exceptional site]. This is the first year this show required insurance from it's sponsors; CVA. It was a pleasure to meet up with Steve Mertz, the club's founder who was, driving his beautiful '54 Beetle conv. in 90 degree weather with his wife Dianne, and family.

Today I have learned from a fellow LiMBO member about a possible future event here in West Milford, NJ on a large farm under-looking the Appalachian Trail. It has breathtaking views all around. I am pushing for us to be the first to camp there; we will post with updates when we get them.

Time will pass faster this season than any other, so let's stretch it out and explore. We can add life to our Campers when we meet up, while we share advice and ideas. I hope to see y'all this year.....

Happy Camping! Jon Kleckner

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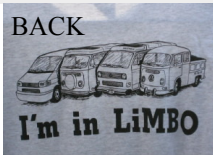


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COOKIN OVER THE CAMPFIRE



By: Rich Macensky

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

I just made this at a recent campout- Easter weekend. This is the real New England Clam Chowder, not that red New York chowder or that other creamy stuff they call chowder. What you will need (this feeds a lot of Volks):

- 25 lbs of quahogs
- 5 lbs potatoes
- 1 stalk celery
- 2 onions
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 750 bottles of white wine (I used Yellow Tail Chardonnay)
- 1 handful of Old Bay seasoning
- some fresh cracked pepper to taste (you will not need salt).



Ok lets get cooking! I did this in a 20 qt pot over a propane stove. A lobster pot works will also work fine. First put the pot on the fire. Now throw the quahogs in. Now to make them happy get them drunk with the 2 bottles of wine for about 15 minutes. This will boil the quahogs open. Get some of the hangover crowd to help you chop the potatoes, celery, onions and garlic.

Ok the clams have given up and are done. Get them out of the pot with tongs- leaving the wine (along with the water that has released from the opened quahogs). Throw the chopped potatoes, celery, onion and garlic in the pot and let them simmer with the lid on for about 45 minutes until the potatoes are done. Also include the Old Bay and some fresh cracked pepper.

While the potatoes/veggies are cooking, clean the meat out of the quahogs shells discard the shells (or save them for making baked clams at home as Tony did).

Now chop the quahogs into bite size pieces and throw them back in the pot after the potatoes and veggies are done. Let simmer for a couple of minutes then serve. Don't overcook the quahogs or they will taste like a chunk of rubber.

Ok its time for a shot of Cazadores Tequila. Tony says, "Thank God". Brad says, "What are you nuts? I had way too much last night".

This is the real deal New England Clam Chowder at its best.

Later,
 The Con Kid



perfect weekend in April to kick off the season.

The weather couldn't have been better. The Creek (West Canada Creek) running through the town of Poland, NY was flowing swiftly and to the edge of the banks from the recent snow melts. So much snow melt that the water was being released from the dam and allowed to flow down its original path- down Trenton Falls

Trenton Falls normally has restricted public access and this particular weekend, the power company was releasing (lots of) water, which was enough motivation to visit the scenic trails. Since the opening of the flood gates was well announced the Empire campers decided to camp in the neighboring West Canada Creek Campground the night before and make a day of it.

Phil (LiMBO's web master lives nearby) made prior arrangements for our group and talked with the campground owners a few days before. They knew exactly what our camping group was looking for and which part of the campground would work best for us.

The Sun was shining and the camping bug was biting really hard. Let's Go!!

Phil knew the back roads and Mark followed from Utica on old NY State Route 8. Over hill and dale, they drove to Poland (at the foot of the Adirondack Mountains) in mid-afternoon. Other club members from Rome, NY had found their way and were already there. Steve and Linda were settled in and were just relaxing contemplating taking their tandem bike out for a spin. The campground owners were really cool and gave us some really nice spots.

A short while after Phil and Mark's arrival, that unique clatter of a 73 Bay Westy could be heard. It was Bruce, from Cooperstown (with his dog Abby) joining in the camping events. Bruce brought a new implement of confusion with him. A Bus Depot "EZ-Awning". Let the fun begin. With much head scratching at the instructions and miscues, the Bay had a awing. In that time of much confusion, Joel showed up with his faithful co-pilot, Remy.

The weather just couldn't have been better. Everyone sought shelter from the Sun. In April? In New York? It was toasty, but oh so nice. Nothing better than cold refreshments on a hot afternoon with good people.

With the sun sinking low it was time to prepare dinner and put the order in for firewood. Did I say the owners where

By: Mark Lund and Joel Cort

Somewhere, somehow the planets aligned and created a spectacular camping weekend. At long last, the camping season is upon us in the North East! The Empire VW Camping Club took the opportunity of this

cool? They keep a very tidy campground and for a few bucks, a load of firewood is delivered. Joel even commented that it was like a camping park in Europe – except with more personal space. Everything was spotless. Cheers to West Canada Creek Campground! And to Bruce, the ice cream was most welcomed.

After dinner, everyone settled back and had their ears filled with birds. They also had a great day and had to tell everyone else. Dusk fell into night and the fire cracked with the wind. Early, did all fall into the throws of a deep slumber in the their VW's. Camping bug soothed.

Morning broke to salt and pepper skies with the sun peeping. The smell of coffee was in the air along with Spring's delicate aromas of renewal. Such a fine Sunday morning, everyone took it slow. Breakfast burrito's made and good chattin' times. No one wanted to leave, but it was time to check out the Falls.

Trenton Chasm is a deep narrow gorge canyon carved out of the Trenton Limestone by West Canada Creek. The vertical drop is more than Niagara Falls made up of six waterfalls, the biggest being about 125 feet. What is also neat and interesting of this limestone is the evidence of some very well preserved fossils. Early geologist studied and collected Ordovician era trilobites and crinoids fossils here. There is a lot of information available on-line from Harvard University, at the following link: <http://www.mcz.harvard.edu/Departments/InvertPaleo/Trenton/Intro/trentonintro.htm>

I was self enchanted to the notion that we would be able to explore and find new things, maybe even some choice trilobite fossils, when going to the falls. Alas, not so. The falls are beautiful, but well guarded by the power company. We met up with other club members already visiting the scenic trail overlooking the gorge. We hiked the trail and took some pictures overlooking the gorge. We also looked as several displays of rocks, but no neat fossils like the ones shown on the web site. Phil felt a little let down since this was a spot in his youth that was special to him. We could see his sadness and frustration in his longing to share fond memories of experiences there.

After the short hike to see the falls that we were allowed to see, our group enjoyed lunch in the shade. After lunch Phil was not done showing us different sights and scenery in this area. So in 2nd gear, our three Vanagons made their way up to Prospect Falls. This area is beautiful as well but under private ownership and all possible parking areas were blocked off from further explorations. At this point I believe Phil was about to pop with shear anger and let down. What is that song that goes, " signs, signs, signs, don't do this, don't do that, everywhere a sign?" What was cool and amazing was the amount of water being released and flowing through the gorge. Luckily the leaves had not come in and we could still see the falls from the road if we stretched our necks. The old settlements and properties in this area were just as enjoyable as gushing water on its way down the Mohawk River.

Our first campout was pretty successful with five Vanagons and one Bay rounding out the weekend.



THE MIDWEST SCENE

By: David Eager



Huntingburg is a small town located in southwestern Indiana. Famous, not only for its antique shops, but for several movies made there, such as "A League of Their Own", "Hard Rain" and "Soul of the Game".

Every year the Kiwanis Club has a car show, which was March 28th this year. The attendance was slim due to a very rainy day, but the



Volkswagen enthusiasts showed up and "braved" the unpleasant weather to show off their cars. In fact, the largest representation of automobiles was the

Volkswagen. There were 6 Volkswagens at the show and three of them were buses. The "People's Choice" trophy was won by a young lady, Jamie Zint, from Huntingburg, Indiana, who was attending her first show. She traveled to Oregon to purchase her bus and is very enthusiastic when talking about her "toy". It is a 1974 pop-top Riviera camper. Her mother also owns a Volkswagen.



Jamie wins the People's Choice Award

There were two Beetle owners who won their class. Ed Walston was one of the winners and he is the President of the Southern Indiana Volks Force Club.

Even though the weather was less than desirable, the VW group had a great time talking about what else??? VOLKSWAGENS!!!



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NOT JUST ANOTHER BUS STORY - PART I

By: Paul Abdis

Anyone who's been involved with old Volkswagens for any length of time must realize that these vehicles seem to draw out stories. Stories about VWs in our past, stories about VWs in other people's past, stories about the vehicles themselves and stories about road trips taken in days gone by are some of the more popular themes to the stories we've all heard. Well, I've got a story to tell you too. The difference is that this is a story not about the past, but instead, about the present and even the future. You see, this story has already started but hasn't yet come to an end, neither here in this article nor in reality.

What does a LiMBO member from Rhode Island have in common with a young Scottish scientist and some members of the Long Island Volkswagen Club? The answer is a 1972 VW pop top camper. Our story starts not long ago when Kate, our young scientist, came to Long Island, New York to live and work at a world famous laboratory. Needing a vehicle for transportation she turned to the internet to search for her ideal, as she put it, "a camper van". Finding one that she thought would fit her budget and her desire to do a bit of traveling to see the country, she made the purchase. The owners were even nice enough to drive the bus to her from Pennsylvania.

Now the story takes a turn for the worse. In less than a day Kate's "new" bus had left her stranded on the side of the road not once, but twice, with a major engine problem. Out of desperation she found the Long Island Volkswagen Club, by internet search, and was recommended to visit one of the local aircooled VW specialist's garage. There Kate got the bad news that her bus had a Vanagon engine installed and that it was in need of a complete rebuild. She was quoted a price of at least \$4000 to do the job.

Here's where the VW community gets involved and hopefully will get Kate out of this bind. Knowing that my wife and I are long time owners of bay window buses, the web master for the LIVC asked me if there was anything I could do to help Kate. After talking with Kate I made a post on the LIVC's web site (www.livc.net) to see if a running T4 engine was available. That request got cross posted to the LIMBO web site: (www.limbobus.org) and before long Rich Macensky indicated that he had a 1700 that was

running fine when he removed it ten years ago. All we needed to do was come and get it. So off we went. Kate, Steve S., and myself spent a Sunday, with beautiful weather, driving to and from Rhode Island. I took the donor engine home and gave it a good going over with my power washer. Next Steve and I spent a few hours getting Kate's bus ready to remove the engine. We disconnected wires and hoses, removed intake, exhaust, and most cooling tin, and loosened all of the hardware holding the engine in the bus. Steve and I had one more work session to drop the engine out of Kate's bus. Another LIVC member has offered us space in his garage to get the donor engine ready and yet another LIVC member, who is a professional, modern, VW mechanic, has offered to help get the donor engine ready. At a minimum we'll be replacing both crankshaft seals, adjusting the valves and replacing push rod tube seals, replacing oil cooler seals, and doing a full ignition tune-up. I'm sure there's more, but I'm one of those people who can't type and think at the same time.

That's all the telling there is to do for now, but this story is far from finished. Make sure to keep up your membership and to check the web site periodically so that you can keep track of how all of this is playing out. Hopefully the VW community will be able to make this one of those stories that will end with a "and everyone lived happily ever after."





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PARTING SHOTS:

By John Hamill



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Hey - "I saved a Bay, and I did it my way!"

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