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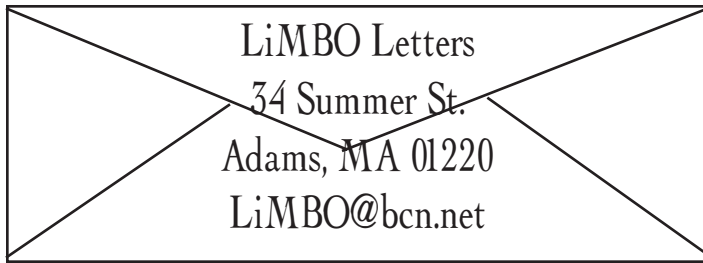
**Views through the Windshield**

Hi gang! Welcome to the July/August issue of *The Transporter*. Hard to believe we're in the middle of summer already. Where does the time go. I'm writing this just a few hours before the deadline for this to be sent to the printer. The family and I just returned from a great weekend at 'West River Westies' in Vermont, . It was hosted by Nevin & Sue Lescher, Jon- Reed Hathaway, John Netzel and Kevin Kruger. Nice job! Mother Nature cooperated with us and we had near perfect weather. (Pretty good considering all week we had rain). If you didn't go, you missed a good time. The pot luck dinner was superb with many different dishes to sample. It would put the buffets at many of those 'old county' places to shame. The raffle that followed was a good time even though we didn't win anything. It was nice to see some old faces and meet some new ones.

Barb and I took the new motor home (yes, motor home). I did towed the microbus behind it. When we left on Friday, we still weren't sure what the weather was going to be so Barb wanted to take to 'Mighty Duck', just in case it rained. It didn't and I took a razzing all weekend for having the motor home. I make no apologies for the motor home. We have three kids and a mother in law that likes to camp. The Westy and the Scamp we used to own just became too small. Besides, I got a great deal on this one and couldn't turn it down. Hopefully Nevin or one of the others will give us a full run down and the weekend and I'll run a few more photos next issue.

So here we are, issue number four for 2004. Inside you'll find all the usual departments, plus a few stories and letters from several members including a scathing letter from Treasurer Glen Smith about the lousy LiMBO turn out at the Carlisle Import show. I have to admit, its a great show and we've haven't put as much effort into getting the word out about. Its a camping

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Dear Fellow Limbo-ites (Limbo-ers?)

I need your advice. I am the proud owner of a 1984 Westy, in pretty good shape, and I am thinking of making it my primary residence. Let me explain.

After 21 years of working a government job, and with the big 50 looming, I am ready to chuck it in and make my life simpler. I am single, no kids, only responsible for myself and my dog Max. I am feeling overwhelmed by "stuff", by people wanting me to buy more "stuff", and am tired of working to have a place to put my "stuff". I used to live in a 1957 Airstream trailer, had a pickup truck, and could move around and travel to my heart's content, picking up work as I went along. Everything I owned fit in that trailer and pickup. I really liked that way of life.

I want to sell my house and most of my belongings, store just a few things too precious to me to get rid of, and take off in my Westy with Max. I have found a way to get temporary jobs as I go along if I want, it is financially feasible if I keep it simple. What I need to know- have any of you done this or do you know someone who has? Are you or they happy with your decision? Am I nuts? Any input would be helpful (Are you crazy? Or You go girl!) Will I go buggy in 6 months living in a van? I am not necessarily thinking of spending the rest of my life in the VW, but would like to do it for a couple of years at least, until I decide what I want to do when I grow up.

Any input, suggestions, helpful hints welcome.

Thanks

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Barb,

*I say, you go girl!! I had my chance to take off with just my bus 17 years ago and I let my friend talk me out of it. Had I done that, I may not have met my wife and my life might have been much different. However, the long term plan is once the kids are grown, Barbra and I plan on becoming full time RVer's with a VW Van and a Scamp trailer behind it. I would think like a hiker and find gear compact and light weight. Best thing I've found for ideas on cool compact camping gear is to attend some VW campouts. Over the years people find some of the neatest things to make camping in a bus easier. Take the road less traveled and see what's out there. Have a ball, Go for it! -Jim*

Jim D.

Congrats on finding the Split Window! Set those goals and keep pursuing them I always say. My last split window was a '67 Microbus that got totaled in the rear end. Sold it for scrap. Then I bought a '77 VW Westy which I still have and it is great. Had it advertised for sale in the last Transporter (no takers from Limbo). Now I have just purchased a like new 2002 Eurovan

Camper and all I can say it is awesome.... with the big front window and driver passenger windows, a furnace, stove, refer and AC front and rear , plus super comfortable seating front and rear, and all that V6 power for the mountains coupled with a great ride. Even getting 18-20 m.p.g., same as the 77 Westy!

I have been a member of LiMBO now 10 years and do have a suggestion that may help members like my self. Let us make it a requirement to list the actual vehicles owned (or if none, so state) by year and model in the Annual NEATO/LiMBO Transporter & Traveler Directory from now on. The reason I say this is I am looking to communicate with members by phone/ email who own the last 2002 Eurovan Camper (last known VW camper made to my knowledge) so I can find out how they improved storage in the model.

My old '77 Westy with the plywood box configuration certainly had more cube storage than the new model with tubular steel rear seat framing and a plastic tub storage insert. Because I am an addicted golfer and often take other golfers with me on trips, I found a way to store 4 golf bags in the rear vertically, and still provide full suitcase storage forward of the rear hatch window. Solution: drill two each holes forward, approximately 4", in the rear sliding steel seat rails where the seat adjustment pins insert. This provides the added gap needed to store the golf bags (or anything else, vertically, and still retain the full rear storage area.

In the mirrored medicine cabinet area, I added those plastic coated wire door baskets to the door and interior giving me three addition shelf areas, besides the bottom of the compartment. I am now looking for a solution back of the driver's seat where the two tables are stored.

I am leaving for a 4 week plus "golfing safari" as I call them in the USA, and was looking for some information prior to departure or along the way. If Eurovan Camper owners were listed, this would have provided me an opportunity to view/ communicate with other owners prior to or during my trip departing 23 June 2004.

You have my permission to add this to the next issue of The Transporter. (Edited as needed). Also, I favor the merger of the two organizations. Keep up the good work. Just wish we had more activities out here on the West Coast area to attend as you do on the East Coast.

Sincerely,

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PS: In the 2001-2002 TTT Directory, I did find a former member who had a Eurovan camper, so I know my suggestion would work in the future directory, if we utilize the feature of listing make and model. I could not find any member in the 2004 TTT Directory listing a Eurovan Camper....there has to be one or two anyway.

Warren,

*Thanks for the advice and Eurovan camper tech tips. Listing the current bus one owns in the TTT is definitely an option. Something I'll bring out at the next meeting, when we start to plan the next full printing of the TTT.*

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weekend for 15 bucks. A great deal anywhere, plus you've got the show, swap meet and a load of other things to do there. Make plans to attend next May, it's a good time for low dollars.

I've gotten some responses about my tire story back in March and I've printed them on page 13. You've probably already noticed another TTT update on the back page. Unfortunately, we got our wires crossed and NEATO missed the deadline for the last issue to include their members TTT updates. So we're running them now. Make a copy or tear out the sheet and place it into your current TTT directory.

I recently received an email from a friend passing along a letter supposedly written by George Carlin. Now, usually I don't print stuff when I can't verify the author, but I felt the message in the letter was powerful enough to pass along to you. Many of you may have seen it, or trashed it with the rest of the SPAM, I know I almost did. But take a look and read it. It has a great message we should all take to heart. It didn't have a title, I gave it one, called 'Paradox'.

I've got a piece of news I need to pass along to anyone interested in the 'VW reunion at Woodstock' show. I've been told by the show promoters that it has been cancelled for this year. Apparently, the show field in New Paltz, NY has been taken away from the HAMS club. The Ulster County fairground committee who handles booking the fairgrounds for the season gave the date to another organization who had an address in Ulster County. I guess the rule is that since the fairground belong to Ulster county, Ulster County residents get first choice for dates at the fairgrounds.

I think its pretty rotten of the committee to not inform the HAMS club of this date conflict until just a few months before the event. The club puts in for the date almost a year in advance and start promoting the show since early spring. It think its also poor that even through the club has been using that date for a couple of years, that the fairground committee can just pull the rug out from under them like that.

Rest assured that the HAMS club is planning a bigger and better event at another location next year. We'll keep you informed.

Well that's about it. Enjoy the issue and the rest of the summer. I hope to see you around the campfire soon. Keep on Busin. -Jim D.

## Busses Not at Carlisle

The Carlisle Import & Replicar Show in Carlisle PA went off without a hitch. I say without a hitch because the show was another great opportunity for us club members to get together. Only problem was NOBODY showed up! Or should I say ALMOST nobody showed up! This year had the least Limbo representation in the seven straight years I've been to the show. I know what the problem is and before I get into it, I need to say to the membership "GET OVER IT!"

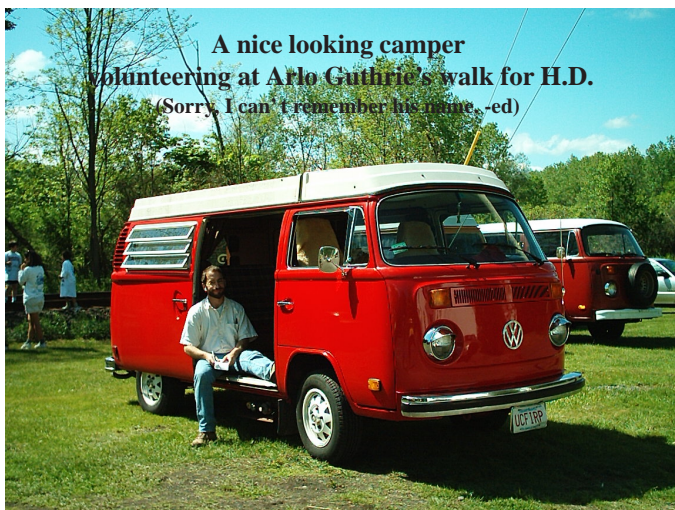
A little history for the uninformed. Three years ago at this show the security detail at the show approached our group which was parked in our usual spot on the show field and told us all we could not sleep in our vehicles on the show field, and had to move ourselves to the camping area. If we didn't want to make that move, we had to leave the grounds, with no refund of course! This happened on a Friday night. The show really kicks off on Saturday, that's when most of the spectators come. On Friday most people are setting up their cars for the show on Saturday and Sunday.

There was a big confrontation with security that Friday night. Our position was we had been parking our vehicles and sleeping in them on the show field since "the beginning of time!" If Carlisle wanted to change things, they should have given us prior notice. Well, after much heated discussion security gave us an ultimatum, either move to the camping area, and pay the camping fee, or leave the grounds. If we stay on the show field, security was going to call the police! At the time there was a pretty good turnout, maybe 10 to 15 vans were present. About half of the Limbo members left the grounds! None moved to the camping area! Of course everyone who left said they would NEVER return. One of the members who stayed made a point I have not forgotten. He told security he wasn't going anywhere! He had his van parked right where it was supposed to be parked and had stickers on his van ISSUED BY CARLISLE PRODUCTIONS to prove it! I had brought food for our club members for the weekend and we had our canopy, provided by Carlisle Productions. We dug in and stayed put! Security backed off! They NEVER called the police. The rest of the night was uneventful, in other words nothing happened!

Saturday night came. We all wondered what was going to happen. About 8pm a Carlisle official approached our group. We thought, "oh no, round two" was about to start. To our amazement the official first apologized HARD for security getting carried away the night before. Then he went on to say we were WELCOME to sleep in our vans ON THE SHOW FIELD at this show and ANY show in the future to the end of time! He could not have been more forth right or more polite about the whole thing!

Since then I have been back every year. Each year since, the Limbo turn out has dwindled to almost nothing. I spend CLUB money on food and a canopy for us, yet no one shows up. There has been ABSOLUTELY NO HASSLE from Carlisle security in every year since the showdown, just like the Carlisle official promised! I have camped out on the show field each year myself along with the few who have attended the show.

Carlisle Productions provides any club a canopy for free IF 25 club members register for the show. If not the canopy costs \$145. If I pay for a canopy, then 25 or more members register,



**A nice looking camper  
volunteering at Arlo Guthrie's walk for H.D.**  
(Sorry, I can't remember his name. -ed)

Carlisle Productions DOESN'T cash the check. I have been willing to cook for our group and I spend about \$85 for hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, chips, coffee, sweet rolls, and all the trimmings. This year what I didn't give away, I threw away. Not a very good use of YOUR club money. Not to mention the \$145 for the canopy.

The Saab group and the Opel, yes Opel group, are positioned near our row and they always have a large turnout! I'm embarrassed by our turnout! There is STILL no better value for your money than the Carlisle Import & Replicar Show. This show use to be the kickoff for our camping season. It still can be! For \$15 you get to enter your van into the show, you can bring the family or friends at no additional cost, come and go from the show field as many times as you like, you get to use the show car gate so there is never a wait in any lines, there are well maintained bathrooms with hot showers for our use, you get a goody bag when you arrive that includes among other things a dash plague and three chances to win a FREE car, Saturday night there is a FREE family type movie behind the grandstand, you can check out the car show like everyone else, I bring the food and I'm willing to cook for YOU, and YOU CAN CAMPOUT ON THE SHOW FIELD! Tell me where you can get a better deal? Not to mention socializing with your fellow club members!

Enough said! I hope all of you holding on to your grudge will get over it! I hope to see all of you back there in 2005. As the 2005 show nears, I'll try to remind all of you to come in the issue of the "Transporter" preceding the show.

Glen Smith, Limbo Treasurer

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## **Welcome New Members!**

by Steve Paine

**Thomas Amatruda**, New Haven, CT  
**Kenneth Black**, Greenfield, MA ('73 Westy, '87 Vanagon Syncro)  
**Gary Buchanan**, San Francisco, CA  
**Bill Curtis**, Makawao, HI ('79 Westy)  
**Curtis Fields**, Thomasville, NC  
**Perrin Freeman**, Newfield, NY  
**Jeff Hosea**, Loveland, CO  
**Tori Kaldenberg**, Madison, WI  
**Ronald Letenyei**, Hazelwood, MO  
**Joseph McAndrews**, Glen Carbon, IL ('71 Westy, '71 Super Beetle)  
**Cliff Parshall**, Sayre, PA ('80 Westie, '92 GTi, '64 Type I) *returning member*  
**Thomas Proctor**, Ledyard, CT  
**Cecil Ursprung**, West Hartford, CT  
**Paula & Sterling Vaden**, Black Mountain, NC ('73 Camper)  
**Trini Viana**, San Francisco, CA ('72 Bus)  
**Michael Wonn**, Naalehu, HI

## **Paradox**

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your spouse and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. -George Carlin (?)

## My first GPS trip... By Phil Dlugolecki

I live near the turning Stone Casino in Oneida NY. There I can get politically incorrect products which I can buy there cheaper than at a local store. So I go there once in a while to stock up. All that being said, the big news is I bought a handheld GPS. I have spent the last few days playing with it and learning how to use it. It is quite a remarkable device. I am amazed how powerful and well thought out this thing is. My salute to the folks at Garmin for exceptional engineering. However, I don't think it is for everyone. I'm a computer nut, I admit that. I like all the screwy codes and semi-logic of things technical. I'm a natural fit for this GPS. But, I suspect, if you can't program your VCR, then having a handheld GPS is not for you. There are menus for navigation, waypoints, tracts, routes, and initial setup. I'm the kind of guy that delights in finding another menu of functions buried down a layer or two. I suspect there are some folks who would not find that delightful and in fact would find it frustrating and whose first reaction would be to see how well a GPS unit can bounce off a wall. But, I'm not like that.

OK, on with the story. My GPS is a Garmin eTrex Legend. When I first got it I was a little bewildered since I didn't know anything about them except that you can know your longitude and latitude (position on the planet) within 20 ft. OK, so how does it help you navigate? Well, there are several ways, but I'll only talk about one here. The route. A route is a series of waypoints strung together to make a path to your destination. What's a waypoint? It is a position on the planet given in longitude and latitude. I decided to make a route to the Turning Stone Casino in the most direct line that I can using small country roads I never drove before. How do I find the longitude and latitude for my waypoints on these country roads? Simple, [www.mapblast.com](http://www.mapblast.com). As most of you know, if you enter an address or intersection into mapblast you will get a map of that address. BUT, and here's a big BUT. If you look at the URL the exact longitude and latitude of that address or intersection is right there embedded in the URL. All you have to do is create a waypoint in the GPS and enter the longitude and latitude you got from mapblast and you have created a waypoint. I entered about 6 or 7 waypoints into the GPS of important places. I then strung them together in the GPS using the route function. Now I am ready to go. All I have to do is jump in my Westy. Turn the GPS on, wait a little bit for it to acquire the satellites, go to the route function in the GPS and hit the navigate button. I'm off.

A compass like display appears on the GPS. With an arrow pointing to the first waypoint. As long as I keep the arrow pointing straight out my windshield I know I am moving in the right direction. The

GPS also tells me HOW LONG (in minutes and seconds) it is until I get to my first waypoint. As I approach my first turn the little arrow starts moving in the direction of the turn forewarning me to take the turn. This is cool! As I approach my first waypoint the time nears zero and it automatically acquires the next waypoint without me having to do a thing. The cool thing is that it does a great job of warning you when to turn. The little arrow moves and does a little wiggle with its tail.

I'm taking turn after turn with no problems. I look at it as if I am a pilot flying on instruments. I have to learn to trust the GPS to tell me what to do no matter what I THINK I should do. An example, along my route I come to a mild fork in the road. My instinct tells me to bear left, and I do, but I notice that my little arrow is leaning slightly to the right. I keep going for a little bit although my arrow is still pointing right. Dang! I stop. I tell myself to follow the arrow no matter what it says. I turn around and go back to the fork, this time I turn right. The arrow straightens out and I proceed. But, I have to stop. Dead end. The road is closed, there is a barrier. No choice, I have to turn around again and go back and proceed to the left of the fork as I did before. All the while my GPS arrow still pointing slightly to the right. However the further on I go the more I noticed that my time to the next waypoint is decreasing meaning I am getting closer but my arrow is ever increasingly pointing to the right. Finally as I approach an intersection, my arrow is definitely telling me to turn right. I do, my time is still decreasing and soon it is apparent that I hit the waypoint. The GPS picks up the next waypoint and all is well. I'm back on my route again. But, I wonder what happened. Why did it lie to me and take me down a dead end. Later, back home, I reviewed my map and it was the map that lied to me and not the GPS. The map said the road was there and open. The GPS was right. And what is even cooler is that I was easily rerouted. The GPS led me to the next waypoint by my choosing an alternate route and I was able to pick up the route as if nothing had happened wrong.

Anyway, I keep proceeding to the casino and all is well with the GPS telling me turn by turn. I arrive. I park. I go into the store and buy my goods all the while thinking that this is the coolest little device since sliced bread.

[OK, break in the story. Here comes the VW subplot]

As I am waiting to cash out I notice a well kept, cranberry red, 90's Westy at the gas pumps outside. I decide to say hello. As I walk over I noticed an older man sitting behind the wheel. I say, "Hi, nice Westy!, mine is over there, I got one too." He said, "I noticed

it". "I was just sitting here wondering if the owner would come over and say hello, because, you see, my battery is dead and I need a little help to get it started." Isn't that strange? A westy owner having a little trouble with his vehicle...not! I said "No problem". We'll get you going! So, we hung out at the gas pumps for a while. I told him about LiMBO, the web site, and the campouts and how he should come to one. We get all types of people from 8 to 80 normal or crazy. He told me about his Westy and how he bought it and so on. It was in beautiful condition.

Anyway, it came time to get him going. I got behind his westy and started pushing him away from the gas pumps. The minute I started to do that I heard voices say "You got a problem" I said, "can't get it started" One guy came over and said he had one of these, it was an older model though. Another guy came over, looked, went back to his car, and came back with a portable jumper. In less than a minute the westy was started. We gave our thanks and said good byes and everyone was on their ways. People can be so cool sometimes, especially VW folks.

[End VW subplot]

I get back to my Westy and decide to try the "tracback" feature of my GPS. Tracback is a feature based on the "tracking" feature of the GPS. Garmin calls this feature a "electronic bread crumb" trail. In other words, with the tracking feature turned on, the GPS creates an electronic memory of your route to the current location. Tracback allows you to return to your destination Exactly the way you got there. I turned it on and started out. The tracback feature is amazing. The little arrow on the display is even sensitive to the slightest curve in the road. There is no way you can get fooled as long as you keep an eye on the GPS. Turn by turn, intersection by intersection the GPS lead me clearly and easily back over the route I took. Soon, I was home again. Boy I thought, what a great toy for a guy like me. I know I will never get ridiculously lost again. I have since used the GPS on my trip to Westies in the Woods. I took beautiful country roads all the way there and back enjoying my relief from being on the boring interstates. It is a beautiful thing!

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## LiMBO-Mart Special Sale!!

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What's left now of the old stock is:

Limbo Diner (Just like new ones only less Web URL)  
Mfg - Fruit of the Loom, "Best"

- (1) XXL Ash
- (1) L Ash
- (1) XXL Dark Gray
- (1) L White

"I'm in Limbo" w/ large Limbo Logo on front  
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- (2) XL Black
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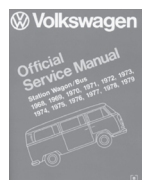
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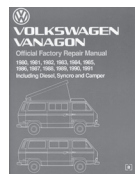
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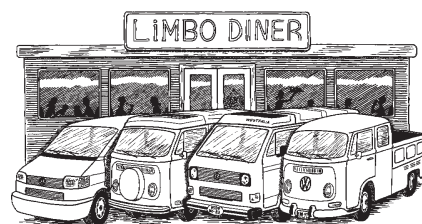
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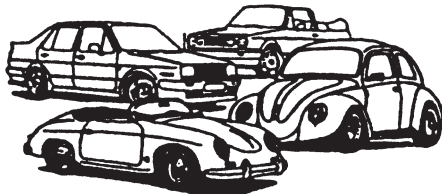
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## AUGUST

**Aug 1 (Sun) Windsor, Maine Vacationland Volkswagon Assoc 15th All VW Show/Swap** At the Windsor Fairgrounds. For more info see the web site [www.mainevwclub.org](http://www.mainevwclub.org) or call Dave at Adept (207)353-6094

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### NOVEMBER

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## Tires Revisited

Here is some of the responses I received over the recent tire articles...

Jim,

The Vredestein company has not been bought out. In fact check its history and you will find major ownership by the Dutch government.

The Transport steel tire sold throughout the world for heavy transport vehicles in Europe even listed for the Transporters (try and find that in the US) was discontinued and replaced by the Comtrak. The Comtrak has both the standard and a winter version. Also has a more aggressive tread. I have been using the Vredesteins for three years now. They are the best heavy tire I have ever purchased. Just put two new ones on the rear of the van. Comtraks as the Transport Steels are no longer made.

James Thomson

Jim,

I was very disappointed with the response you printed to my letter regarding tires. The misinformation your "tire contacts" gave you was appalling-- I expect that kind of stuff from big media, not in a small member oriented organization. Vredesteins are manufactured for commercial vehicles (i.e. VW vans, which is an important market for them) and distributed worldwide. They have never been bought out (by Bridgestone, Cooper, or anyone else) and plan to stay as an independent company. They make a highway tread (8-ply Comtrak), a winter tread (Comtrak snow), and an all season "light duty" (6-ply Sprint), all of which are readily available. They are on the net at [vredesteintyre.com](http://vredesteintyre.com). You can actually talk to the U.S. Rep at 1-800-221-3422 (Metuchen, NJ) who is very knowledgeable, friendly, and helpful, and there are importers/distributors throughout the country. Of five local tire dealers I talked with before deciding on the Vredesteins, four (including "Big O") told me they were an outstanding choice for a Vanagon and could have them overnight for me; the fifth said he knew about them but didn't deal much with them. This is an area where there aren't many VW vans around!! For members in the Northeast, which seems to be a mecca for these vans, there should be absolutely no problem obtaining Vredesteins. One source is Jim Breault Tyre in New Jersey; a dealer can get them from him or he will U.P.S. direct to the customer -- [tyreguy800@juno.com](mailto:tyreguy800@juno.com) or 1-800-897-3489. Finally, the 185/14s will always be available -- they're an important part of their line, unlike the "big guys", and you won't have to worry about tread separation or other manufacturer defects. I would really like to see this correction appear in the next Transporter.

Thanks,  
Bob Gotthelf

Bob,

You're absolutely right, Vredestein is an independently owned tire company. My tire guy called me about the Vredesteins', he apologized for the misinformation. He thought that he had read in an industry newsletter that the Vredestein company was bought out, but he realized later that it was the Semperate tire line was bought out by Conti, not Vredestein. However, the newsletter was already in print by then. Thanks for setting us straight. -Jim

Jim

I think the discussion of the tires has missed the point. Tires are like talking about the weather, most of the time you are right or at least someone is until the "big one" hits.

For the new Vanagon type, we call the flat window (type 3) the tires must be rated as "REINFORCED SIDEWALLS" This must be stated on the tire!

The use of additional plies is NOT acceptable. 6 ply 8 ply whatever NO GOOD

Remember I only am very familiar with the late model Vanagon.

Yes you can stick good solid tires on the Vanagon and feel safe and say, boy they handle good, but you are skirting a very serious safety issue.

Should anyone have any questions I refer them to the original manufacturer, Michelin whose office is in Spartanburg, SC. They are full of information. I called. I did, I talked to them, and they explained WHY, you need reinforced sidewalls.

The vehicle is not top heavy. The relative narrow track and the height, combined with the weight, and the total carrying capacity of the vehicle create severe additional loads on the sidewalls which support the vehicle. The sidewalls must flex and do so, especially in cross winds, or turbulence created by passing trucks, and other vehicles. Remember you have a tremendous area exposed to the cross winds with the large side panels of the Vanagon. (Think of it like a sail to catch the wind, only blowing you sideways). Well the tires must handle this, and as the tread stays firmly on the ground, the sidewalls are doing the shimmy shake!, Back and forth, back and forth. The sidewall rumba. Too much of this stress will weaken a tire, or make it wear out sooner as the tire without reinforced sidewalls will actually skid a little sideways.

I think, about the tires, the most important facet, is the sidewalls. Goodyear, and Michelin both told me sidewall plies no matter how many plies the tire has, have nothing to do with reinforced sidewalls. You can have an 8 ply tire but the sidewalls are not reinforced. This is what VW wanted in a tire. In reality for the bus/Westy I imagine it does not make much difference. After over 250,000 miles on the van and always having reinforced tires that got well over 60,000 miles on a set of four I felt the small cost, and very poor winter traction was well worth the investment. The good Goodyears I had on for 35,000 miles went to garbage, the squirmed out!!

On a Ford Explorer with Firestone tires, Yes there I do think the plywall standard did make a difference, and that vehicle should have had reinforced sidewalls!, Now they put on bigger and say better. I don't

And yes, the reinforced sidewall tires from Michelin are poor at best in snow, stay home or get the wife's sport ute. The small amount of time overall the vehicle is driven in the winter, if at all, is not worth the trade-off.

-Al Zimmerman

Al,

I knew I was opening a can of worms when I decided to talk about bus tires. Your right, sidewall strength is key in the Vanagon's and buses. I was lead to believe that 6 and 8 ply tires revered to additional sidewall plies which should reinforce the sidewall. Come to find out not all loaded rated tires are sidewall reinforced tires.

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 Below: An early morning view of the camping area.



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 \$15 per issue or \$75 per year newsletter only

\$25 on website per year

\$25 in TTT

Combo's can also be done, contact Stan for more info

(Members are allowed one free business card  
 ad per year, please send all ads to above address.)

For quarter or half page Ads or inserted flyers (Customer supplies  
 800 copies of flyer), contact Stan (see above)

### Available or Wanted submission:

As a member of LiMBO you are entitled to a free classified ad each month. Try to make it 100 words or less, written legibly with any abbreviations that can be made (i.e. 147k mi., trans., Westy, PS, PB, A/C, etc.) Include a price if possible, your name, phone #, e-mail(if appl.) and state and be sure to mail it in time a for the next newsletter submission deadline indicated on page 2 of this issue.

Send to: **Transporter Classifieds, 3 Oak St, Mystic, CT 06355 wmonk@snet.net**  
 or via the Web: **<http://www.bcn.net/~limbo/classifiedform.htm>**

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## NEATO/LiMBO 2004 TTT DIRECTORY UPDATE, #2

Following are the latest NEATO folks who've signed up for our Transporter Tourist & Traveler Directory. Please consider this page an addendum to the recently published and mailed Directory.

### Arizona

#### Phoenix

Trevor (602) 790-7571 OP, SB, SS. Deluxes. NEATO

### California

#### Porterville

Bryan (559) 788-0336 derkoffermeister@yahoo.com E, OP, MH, WT, SB, P, C&C. Wkdys: after 5 PM; S/S/H: anytime. NEATO

### Sacramento

Lou (916) 761-2781 vwbusdude@hotmail.com SB, P. NEATO

### Massachusetts

#### Groveland

Peter & Carolyn (978) 836-9981 PHT01834@aol.com MH, WT, SB, C&C. Wkdys: until 8 PM; S/S/H; Anytime. NEATO

### Missouri

#### Ballwin

Tim (314) 799-1379 thegreatwhodo@hotmail.com E, TA, C&C. NEATO

### Oregon

#### Drain

Susan (541) 836-7859 or (360) 969-2352 (cell). E, OP, CS, WT, SB, SS, C&C. Dormobiles & Westfalias. NEATO

### Pennsylvania

#### Wilkes-Barre

Albert (570) 823-4745 conv69864@cs.com MH, WT, SB, P. Stewart-Warner heaters. NEATO

### Tennessee

#### Dickson

Jason (615) 441-3242 jason@fasterlaster.com OP, CS, MH, WT, C&C. Wkdys: 6-8 PM; S/S/H: 6-12 PM. NEATO

### Texas

#### Helotes

Peter (210) 695-4540 pcalbar@satx.rr.com OP, MH, WT, SB, P. NEATO

### Washington

#### Edmonds

Bill (425) 742-9828 type2bill@earthlink.net TA, P. NEATO

### Everett

Donald (425) 337-4900 ddahl60219@aol.com NEATO

### West Virginia

#### Charleston

Karl & Kristina 304-760-2115 Alt Phone: 304-415-1813 kbloss@charter.net OP, WT, SB, P, C & C Have Digifont diag tool. Prefers German Beer. Vanagons and Eurovan's 9 AM - 10 PM **LiMBO**