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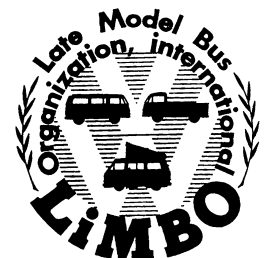
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Weird scenes from inside the LIMBO clubhouse. Some of the officers and members who attended the annual meeting on January 16. Starting top left going clock wise: President Stan'agon' Wohlfarth, (facing camera) and clerk, Mike Guilfoil. Top right: 'Donut' Dale Ward, past president and new member coordinator.. Right center photo from Left to right: Sue Lescher, member, Kevin Kruger, Area Reps coordinator and Glen Smith, Treasurer. Bottom right, LIMBO-Mart Coordinator Nevin Lescher (center) and member John Netzel. Bottom left: Newsletter editor Jim DiGennaro. Left center Bill and Amy Monk, Swap area and events coordinators, w/ Dylan DiGennaro (along for the ride with Dad). Very Center: Stanagon's Pizza Delivery Van.

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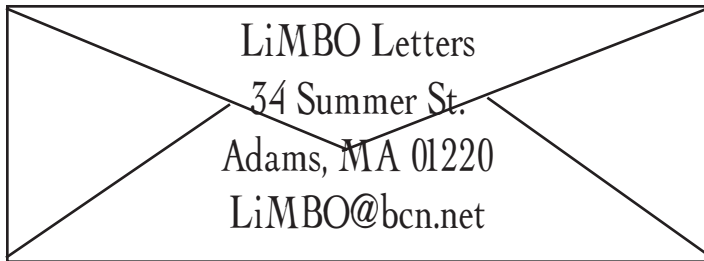
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Views Through the Windshield

Hi Gang, welcome to another issue of *The Transporter*. Here we are deep into winter. Here in New England, we just got hammered with a major Nor'easter that dumped anywhere from a foot to three feet of snow. Other than this storm, it been a pretty lack luster winter so far, here in western mass anyway. We've missed a couple of good storms that hit the Cape and down east Maine pretty hard. My microbus is snuggled away in the back of the garage and the Eurovan is handling winter OK so far. She hit 158K miles the other week and a few things popped up that need some attention.

We've had some pretty cold weather and one morning I went out the start the EV and warm it up. I came back about 10 minutes later to find a puddle of oil under the bus. Seems the oil cooler seal sprung a leak. It ran a little while without oil but there seems to be no permanent damage. Then about a week after that, a water hose behind the engine, one of only two that go behind the engine sprang a leak. They connect to that same oil cooler, could be a conspiracy here. What a bitch that was to change. My arms have just now healed. I replaced both, so I should be good for another 158K miles. When I can allot some more space I'll run down everything that's happened to the old EV over the last few months.

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Hi Folks,

My wife Kathy and I are looking for another bus to keep our 71 camper company. Ideally we're looking for a 1976 or later bus with a 7 passenger interior, manual transmission, and 2.0 liter engine with stock fuel injection. While we're wishing, we'd wish for a bus that is structurally sound and mechanically/electrically reliable. In short, we'd like something that can become a daily driver with little or no major work. And while we're willing to travel to get this bus, closer to Long Island, NY is better than farther away.

If any of you have info that you can pass along, or even have such a bus for sale, contact us by phone or email. Thanks in advance for your help.

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Dear Fellow VW Enthusiast,

I'm writing to ask if you'll please run the following information on the Connecticut Volkswagen Association's Summer Show in the coming events section of your newsletter/magazine.

We would like to announce the arrival of a new show on our calendar this year. On July 16th & 17th 2005 the CVA will be hosting it's inaugural New England Volks-Meet at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock CT. This show will be to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the CVA. The event will be held over two days, with the first day consisting of all kinds of entertainment for both young and old. We will have live bands, a magician and plenty of fun for all. Saturday night there will be camping available on the grounds and the usual campfires for telling your old Volkswagen stories. On Sunday the car show and swap meet will take place. There will be plenty of vendors and a peoples choice car show. This event will be open to all Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche owners and anyone who just enjoys these cars. Come on out

and enjoy a weekend full of great friends, beautiful cars and all around fun! Hope to see you there!

Also, please feel free to send us any information on your club's events, so we can return the favor!! Thanks in advance, and hope to see you there! -
Jeremy Clayton- President, CVA

Hi Jim-

Just thought I would let you know what is going on with my plans to become a full-time VW wanderer. I was a bit disappointed in the feedback I got from my fellow Limbo members- only 2 people emailed me. Both were positive, so with your endorsement, that makes 3.

One of the people who responded sent me several links to full-time VW travelers. Very informative. In fact, I started an email correspondence with one woman, and she ended up coming thru Michigan over Labor Day and camped at the Chippewa Count Fair with my whole extended family! It was good to see how she does things, and I got some good ideas, in addition to making a new friend.

A female Limbo member also responded, and included an offer of a hot shower anytime I came thru her town. I may take her up on that someday.

At any rate, things are moving along, getting my house ready for sale, keeping my fingers crossed about my early retirement- I'm eligible next month if they are still offering it. I am looking forward to going to lots of Limbo events when this all happens, so I will see you there.

Barb Cotton

Way to go!! I wish I was at that stage of my life, but not yet. Don't forget to take the LiMBO/NEATO TTT directory with you. And send us some stories from the road! Good Luck!! Drive Safe.

An advertisement for 'Marty's VW Service' enclosed in a rectangular border. On the left is the Volkswagen logo (a 'V' over a 'W' in a circle). On the right is the Audi logo (four interlocking rings). The text in the center reads:

Marty's VW Service
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VW Wrecks Bought and Sold

At the bottom, the address and phone numbers are listed:

203 Center Street Fax: (201) 261-7474
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2005 LiMBO Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2005 Annual meeting was held on Sunday January 16, 2005 at Dale Ward's home in Shrewsbury, MA. The following members were present:

Name Position (present)

DiGennaro, Jim Director, Newsletter Editor
Guilfoil, Mike Director, Clerk
Kruger, Kevin Area Representative Coordinator
Lescher, Nevin Director, Promotions
Lescher, Sue Member
Monk, Amy Events Coordinator
Monk, William Events Coordinator
Netsel, John Website Store Coordinator
Paine, Steve Director, Membership, Advertising (classified)
Reynolds, John Member
Smith, Glen Treasurer
Ward, Dale Director, Membership (new members)
Wohlfarth, Stan Director, President, Advertising

2004 Meeting Minutes (Mike Guilfoil)

The meeting began with the Clerk providing a review of the minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting.

President's Message (Stan Wohlfarth)

Stan delivered a brief opening message with the following points.

- Smoother year, finances are improving.
- Significant savings have been realized in newsletter printing and postage costs.
- The newsletter publishing procedure is going very smoothly. Thanks were given to Jim Digennaro and Nevin Lescher for their efforts.
- A new event was started last year, West River Westies.
- We need to keep the members we have and get new members. We should capitalize on the Internet. Need to make it easier for members to contact the club, perhaps via e-mail, with someone responsible for responding.
- Increasing membership should be everyone's goal. (A suggestion was made to have small get togethers such as miniature golf or going for ice cream in our buses to generate interest and inquiries.)

Financial Report (Glen Smith)

Glen presented a detailed financial report with the following observations:

- Keep doing whatever we're doing. This was our best year.
- Good revenues from merchandising.
- Printing and postage costs are down.

The report summary is as follows:

- Revenues \$15,138
- Expenses \$9,629
- Net \$5,509
- Balance Year End \$7,244
- \$105 is in the Adams Account

The financial report was approved and accepted.

Newsletter (Jim Digennaro)

- Need content submissions.
- Wants suggestions of topics the newsletter should be addressing. Jim has been trying to get Area Representatives to make submissions, several have.
- Jim made a suggestion to start special columns, such as where do you camp. Places to go on vacation type thing. Glen Smith volunteered to write one. (Submissions should include some bus content if possible.)
- The swap area is smaller now in the newsletter now with the Website Swap Area up and running. Jim would like to budget two pages for the swap area. Bill Monk will start selecting ads from (current) website ads to fill space if needed.
- Bill Monk will work with Jim and Phil Dlugolecki to get a note added on the Website that ads placed may also get posted to the newsletter, space permitting.

Transporter Printing Coordination (Nevin Lescher)

- 75% saving over previous supplier.
- Jim needs to keep close coordination with Steve Paine for current membership count to set print run quantity.
- Nevin will inquire about the cost of doing one page in color for photos.
- Nevin has picked up 5 of the last 6 issues and delivered to the folding parties, but may not be able to this year. Shipping by UPS is \$20.00. It will be Nevin's call whether he will pick up or have it shipped for each issue.

Newsletter Advertising (Stan Wohlfarth)

- Still plugging along, still have 6+ regular advertisers. Stan will check up on the accounts.
- Two advertisers have dropped out.

TTT

- The TTT is a joint venture by LiMBO and NEATO.
- Dale Ward will start sending TTT forms with the new member packets.
- Jim will run the TTT form in the Newsletter. If you are not listed and want to be, fill it out and send it in.
- Jim will print an update page in the Newsletter to ad to your TTT when he gets the NEATO inputs.
- Stan will talk to George Bossarte (in his NEATO capacity) about a new TTT, fall 2005 publish for 2006. Forms

will go out with the Mar/Apr Newsletter.

- Steve Paine said that the TTT information could be added to the membership database.
- Extra TTT's will be made available for \$2.00 each to members only. A notice will be put in the Newsletter. Dale Ward will handle.

Webpage (Phil Dlugolecki, Bill Monk, Jim DiGennaro)

- Phil could not attend the meeting but sent in comments:

Here is the scoop for me.

My BIGGEST web site problem is CONTENT not functionality. My biggest contributor is Nevin Lescher, other notables are Stan Wohlfarth, Joel Cort (when available), Todd Olson and a few others. The point is, the web site now has a track record enough for people to know that if you submit something it will be considered and posted if possible. So I encourage submittals, thoughts, crazy ideas, anything to spark interest. That's it, really all I have to say at this point.

- Stan's comments: The website is great. The new header - Vanagon instrument cluster is great.

DSL for Newsletter/Web Page

- The newsletter file is too big to send to the printer on the dial-up Internet service. The transmission gets timed out. Jim has to burn a disk and take it to work to send.

- Issues in changing to DSL: Lose LIMBO phone line (unless we are willing to pay for phone and DSL) BCN (current provider) hosts the website. We would lose the address if we change providers.

BCN DSL is \$50/mo plus \$50/yr for extra memory. Verizon DSL is \$30/mo

Past issues of newsletter could be hosted elsewhere with redirects to save memory. LIMBOBus.org has 800 MB of memory available, which could be used for this.

- A vote was taken to change to DSL (BCN) up to \$650/yr. If it will cost more, Jim will e-mail officers/directors for approval.

Membership (Steve Paine)

- Membership is down 110 members from last year.
- 527 active members of which 51 are Internet only.
- 50 hard copy members and 26 Internet members are on hold (non-renewal)
- Jim DiGennaro has not cancelled passwords for the delinquent Internet members yet because he still considers the Internet membership experimental.
- Need to send out Internet renewal request forms, Jim DiGennaro to handle.
- People have been canceling memberships immediately when they pay through Pay Pal if they go under Subscription instead of Membership because the Pay Pal subscription option says that it will automatically be renewed every

year if not cancelled.

- 40% of renewals in 2004 were for 2 years (may impact financial picture for 2005)
- Need new Renewal Form, which notes the Internet renewal option for either paper or Internet members and has a new blurb (we have had the same one for 10 years). Steve will handle.

Area Rep (Kevin Kruger)

- Still not getting responses from Area Reps.
- Needs to get membership lists by area. Steve Paine and Jim DiGennaro to coordinate.
- Steve Paine will check membership database to ensure that reps are still active members.
- Kevin will do a mailing to all area reps including 5 extra newsletters to use as handouts with a request to let him know if they no longer want to be a rep, otherwise thank you for your service, we will support you and let us know if you are planning any events (big or small).

Limbo Mart (Nevin Lescher)

- 93 T-Shirts sold - stock is getting low (only 23 left). Need new order.
- New order of 50 authorized with new color < green with white graphics.
- Present stock of window stickers is probably adequate for sales, need input from Steve and Dale if more are needed for new memberships.
- The website is the primary source of sales.
- A Goal was set for a five-day turnaround from Jim receiving a Pay Pal order to Nevin shipping items.
- Beer Mugs: Nevin to get cost information for beer mugs versus glasses.
- Nevin can make a combination LIMBO key chain/magnetic on demand and will offer on the Limbo Mart.

Election of Officers, Board of Directors, Positions

- The Treasurer and Clerk agreed to serve another term.
- Stan Wohlfarth offered to not run for another term as president and nominated Jim DiGennaro as a candidate. A discussion ensued over whether Jim already had a full plate with the Newsletter, Pay Pal coordination and assistant Webmaster. A re-nomination for Stan was put forth and Stan said that since he no longer had to be involved in the newsletter with the excellent job that Jim and Nevin were doing, and it was a one-year commitment, he would be willing to serve again.
- All Directors were not up for election this year.
- Bill Monk was voted on to the Board of Directors.
- The Website Store Coordinator Position (John Netsel) was eliminated as being redundant (Jim DiGennaro does the Pay Pal interface and Nevin Lescher actually runs the Limbo Mart).

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BUG-IN NEWS CB Performance BUG-IN 32

The Legend Returns to Southern California

April 10th, 2005 – California Speedway, Fontana, CA

The first BUG-IN was held at Orange County International Raceway on October 20th, 1968. The last BUG-IN, #31, took place in October 1983 a couple weeks before OCIR closed its gates for good. Since that time there really hasn't been a suitable quarter mile drag strip facility in Southern California to support a BUG-IN . . . now that has all changed! VW drag racers, Clyde Berg and Joel Mohr and original BUG-IN promoter, Rich Kimball, have worked out a deal with the California Speedway in Fontana California to bring the BUG-IN back to Southern California on April 10th, 2005.

Presenting sponsor, CB Performance, along with major sponsors FLAT-4, Gene Berg Enterprises, So-Cal Imports, Ventura Warehouse Group and Hot VWs Magazine will be joined by a host of associate sponsors and supporters to make the CB Performance Bug-In 32 the biggest thing in Volkswagens since that last Bug-In in 1983.

BUG-IN 32 will use the same format as the original event including, * mile drag racing, a car show, swap meet and special displays. The BERG Quick 32 will lead off the drag racing program. This will be a qualified bracket of the fastest Volkswagens in the world, with a \$5500 purse paying \$2500 to the winner, \$1000 to runner-up, \$500 to semifinal Runner-ups and \$250 to quarterfinal runner-ups. There will also be a jackpot class, with a \$500 bonus, along with several trophy brackets.

In the general car show there will be close to 50 stock and custom VW classes to choose from. It will be owner judged as is done at the VW Classic (June 12th, 2005 in Irvine). In addition, Major sponsor So-Cal Imports is hosting a very special Concours D'Elegance. This will be individual judged class of pre-registered vehicles. Each year the class will change. This year the cars will be Cal-Look street sedans to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Cal-Look. The winner will be crowned "America's Most Beautiful Volkswagen" as was the tradition at the past Bug-Ins.

Ventura Warehouse Group, along with Karmann Ghia Parts and Restorations are organizing a special display of rare Karmann Ghia coupes and convertibles to commemorate their favorite anniversary, the Ghia's 50th! Directly adjacent to the Dragstrip will be the VW flea market or swapmeet full of deals on new and used VW parts. Sponsor/manufacture row will host the major players in the hobby. Other special displays are being planned including Bruce Meyer's and the Manx club, several local VW Clubs, as well as some of the clubs from the past. Many past Bug-in participants, both cars and drivers will be attending and there are plans for displays of Bug-In memorabilia.

The CB Performance Bug-In 32 is looking for past Bug-In champions, engine-pull winners, queens and Kings. Anyone who can document winning a trophy at any of the first 31 Bug-In's will be sent a free ticket to Bug-In 32!

For further event information regarding vendors, sponsorship or display please contact Rich Kimball, Periscope Enterprises, PO Box 1488, Tustin, CA 92781, (714) 544-1759, rich@bugin.com

"thoughts from the waste land of Oklahoma"

by Michael "hippie" Beach

The following is a list of things, thoughts, ideas, and mishaps that have happened during the last year.

Due to the fact that I work in a tire factory and am also a mechanic in said tire factory I have learned more than I think I should about the inner workings of a tire and some of the items that are common to all machinery. For starters if you have a spare tire that is mounted on the front of your van or like myself you just throw it in the back of your pickup (VW of course) then you are exposing it to forces that will eventually cause it to fail, even if you have never used it. because, the sun believe it or not is your tires true worst enemy. For the reason a tire is black is a product called carbon black. Prior to that they were white which is why the Michelin man is white. This product actually causes your tire to "breathe" in a way, while your traveling on the road. But your spare tire is just setting there, doing nothing. and what the sun is doing is actually breaking up the molecular bonds of the tire due to the UV rays. So your best defense is to use a tire cover whenever possible.

Also, after extensive training I have also learned why people put their cars up on blocks for storage. Its not really to keep the tires from deflating as most would think. but its because if you leave your car in one place for an extended amount of time you will cause the bearings in the wheels to do what is called "bernelling" which means that the roller part of your bearing actually imprints itself onto the race due to the weight of the car and the extended time in one spot. The tire can stay inflated for years the only reason that it deflates is because of the seal between the rim and tire is bad. And also I have learned the true extent of what precision measurements mean especially in the engin area. So when rebuilding your engin don't skimp by letting something go by that is not within tolerance, you will pay for it later.

Here are some cool things that you might want to check out also. [Http://www.Cheaperthandirt.com](http://www.Cheaperthandirt.com) is an army surplus store that has all kinds of things that can be used, from a grenade box that only cost \$20 and is big enough to store many of your tools, small enough to fit in your van, and is water tight. To parachute cords, canvas tarps of various sizes to cover your van, to food and camping stuff, that is CHEAP. Also here is a cool place to shop for your small VW pickups and van toys. <http://www.germanaircooled.com>

I also think it would be a good idea if there were a section of the newsletter that showed emergency road side helpful hints so that no one will be stuck on the side of the road. I for one keep my old wires, rotor bug, belt, plugs, condenser, points, and cap from my last tune up in a small bag so that if any one of them fail I will have a back-up. I also keep barrel nuts for when a cable breaks, like throttle cable, and = I keep it all in my grenade box.

Now for the bad news, I unfortunately purchased an engin from GEX motors during the summer that was not what I would consider up to par. There were many things that I had to fix on it that I should not have had to. And I am still trying to get my core charge back even after 6 months. So I would recommend to anyone who is thinking of purchasing an engin to steer clear of that company.

Have fun, and happy motoring.

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Following are the Officers, Directors and Positions for 2004:

Officers (one year term):

President	Stan Wohlfarth
Treasurer	Glen Smith, CPA
Clerk	Mike Guilfoil

Directors (New, 2 year term)

Dr. Karl Bloss
 George Bossarte
 Jim DiGennaro
 Rick Golen
 Nevin Lescher
 Ken Madson
 Bill Monk
 Steve Paine
 Evans Waldron
 Dale Ward

Directors (second year of term)

None

Note: Officers automatically serve on the Board of Directors

Positions:

Newsletter Editor	Jim DiGennaro
Membership (new)	Dale Ward
Membership (renewals)	Steve Paine
Advertising:	
Newsletter/TTT/Business	Stan Wohlfarth
Classified	Bill & Amy Monk
Promotion	Nevin Lescher
Legal Advisors	Rick Golen
	Brad Johnson
Events Coordinator	Bill And Amy Monk
Area Rep Coordinator	Kevin Kruger
Web Master	Phil Dlugolecki

Event Planning

A preliminary Events calendar was developed - see the newsletter. It is imperative that anyone planning an event gets their information in to Events Coordinators Bill and Amy Monk as soon as possible for inclusion in the Newsletter and to possibly avoid conflicts.

Bill and Amy Monk
 3 Oak Street
 Mystic, CT 06355
 860-572-2006
 wmonk@snet.net

Calendar - Folding Parties

- A tentative Folding Party schedule was developed as shown below.
- It is planned to post folding parties on the main page of the Website.

Jan 30 Dale Ward, 9 Golden Hill Ave., Shrewsbury, MA, 508-842-2121 Limbobus2002@aol.com
 Apr 3 Nevin & Sue Lescher, 295 Reed Ave., Windsor Locks CT, 860 623-0550, nesu@erols.com
 May 22 John Reynolds, 53B Abner Potter Way, South Dartmouth MA, 508-636-4198, KAYAKJR@JUNO.com
 July 31 Barbara & Bob Costello, 53 Kendall Hill Road, Sterling MA, 978-422-0183
 Oct 2 Jim DiGennaro, 34 Summer St., Adams MA, 413-743-1814, limbo@bcn.net
 Nov 20 Stan Wohlfarth, 29 Woodland Rd., Wayland, MA, 508-651-3502, stan.wohlfarth@bentleypublishers.com

Submissions wanted!!

We're looking for newsletter material!! No matter how trivial you think it is, its worth considering for newsletter submission. Travel story? Technical concern. Found a new place to camp? We want to know! No article too small, no submissions rejected. Submission is as easy as an email or Type it up on your 1945 Underwood, no material rejected. This your club, get involved. Send material to: **LiMBO 34 Summer St., Adams, MA 01220** or Email: **LiMBO@bcn.net** or **LiMBO@LiMBObus.org**

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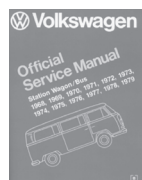
LiMBO Stickers are now available. Its black and White and uses the original LiMBO artwork. Its two inch in diameter and is static stick for years of use. It can be transferred to a new vehicle. Finally no more of the old logo stickers where the white background falls off. Comes to us from membership coordinator Steve Paine's Business, Cape Cod Impressions. So it has to be good. While supplies last! Price: 3.00 shipping included.

Book Deals

Dometic Vanagon Refrigerator Repair manual

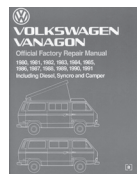
LiMBO has acquired the complete repair and part number manual for the Dometic Westfalia Refrigerator, 26 photo copied pages and spiral bound. This 'unofficial' VW dealer version covers lighting propane, operation, service and troubleshooting with fully detailed pictures. Complete resource to complete all repairs. Also includes VW tech bulletins updates. Price: \$13.00 (includes shipping)

We have secured a deal with the recognized leader in Volkswagen service manuals for club members to purchase Type II, Vanagon and Eurovan manuals at a significant savings off retail price while helping the club at the same time.



Volkswagen Station Wagon/Bus Official Service Manual Type 2: 1968-1979, by Volkswagen United States. This comprehensive manual covers numerous mechanical procedures including: power-assisted disc brakes, dual carburetors, fuel

injection, suspension, transmission, and electrical troubleshooting and diagrams. It does not cover '74 and later Campmobile interior equipment. 464 pages, 753 illus./diagrams, softcover, 8-3/8" x 11"; \$34.00 (A 5.95 savings) plus \$5 shipping.



Volkswagen Vanagon Official Factory Repair Manual: 1980-1991 including Diesel, Syncro, and Camper, by Volkswagen United States. This manual is the same "professional format" supplied to authorized dealers in the U.S. and Canada. It's heavily illustrated and covers every aspect of routine maintenance and service work, including air and water-cooled engines and Westfalia campers. This one of a kind manual is the source for all your Vanagon repairs or questions. 1388 pages, 2295 illustrations, 247 pages of electrical wiring diagrams, 1216 item index, softcover, 8-1/4" x 11-5/8"; \$82.00 (A 17.95 savings) plus \$7 shipping.

LiMBO-Mart



Volkswagen EuroVan Official Factory Repair Manual: 1992-1999 This manual is the same "professional format" supplied to authorized dealers in the U.S. and Canada. It's heavily illustrated and covers every aspect of routine maintenance and service work, including Gasoline, Diesel, TDI, 5-cylinder and VR6, including Multi-Van and CV Camper. By VW of America. Two Volume set, \$155.00 (A 34.95 savings) plus \$10 shipping.

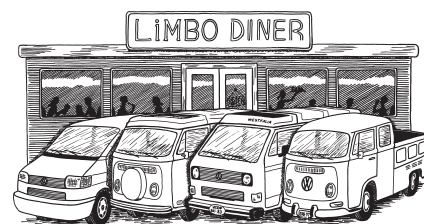
Eurovan Winnebago Repair Manual

LiMBO has also acquired the complete repair manual for the Eurovan Winnebago. 132 pages. Lots of good information to fix the Winnebago camper equipment. Including, fridge, furnace, electrical and plumbing. Only 20.00



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So here we are at the beginning of 2005. We're half way through the first decade of the new millennia. Where does the time go?

We had our annual meeting on January 16th with a small turn out. But it went well. Read about it on page 4. Other than the fact we have a little extra cash in the bank this year, little has changed.

On page six is a story from Michael Beach with his 'thoughts from the waste land of Oklahoma'. We also have another *Midwest Scene* from rep Bill Dummit. Marshall Johnson regales us with a tale of bus troubles while his parents came to visit. Finally, on the back cover is another TTT update insert for your directory from NEATO. It came in just after the November issue went to press.

I'm always looking for suggestions and submission for the newsletter, keep those submissions come in. I would like to see a few more representatives from around the country send something in for the newsletter. I personally would like to know what's happening in the bus/VW world in the south, desert southwest and California. So if you live out there, lets here from you. No matter how trivial it may sound, no submissions are rejected. Come on, this is your club, get involve. Its as easy as sending an email or writing a note and dropping it into the mail. Email your story in the body of the letter to : LiMBO@bcn.net. OR send it to the address listed on page 2.

I'd like to start a column about places to go and see in your bus. Where do you go on Vacation? Why? Tell us about it! Tell us about some state park you went to, or that little glass factory in Pennsylvania. Or that trip to the chuck wagen cook off in Tempe, AZ. Tell us about the outer banks of North Carolina or the redwood forest. I'm not fussy, we would love to hear about it. Thank you!!

By the way, did you know you can renew your LiMBO membership on-line? Just click on **LiMBO - mart** on the website and choose membership renewal.

Stay warm and we'll talk to ya soon. Keep on Busin' - Jim D.

Random Fotos...



The eggmobile: Have you seen this bus? It was sent to me after a member saw it on Ebay. I wonder if a member won it? If anyone knows about this bus, I'd love to hear about it.



Above and below: Scenes from The Midwest VW fest courtesy of Jerry Spellman.





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coming events

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Remember, participation in any LiMBO event or activity is strictly voluntary and at one's own risk.

Feb 19-20 Canada True Canadian Winter Bus Campout.

Winter camping at Valens Conservation in Canada. See www.pottsfamily.ca/The_Bug_Pack/TCWBC or email greg@pottsfamily.ca

Feb 18-20 Edisto Island, SC- 6th Annual Edisto Freeze

Your Toe Off. Edisto Island State Park features campsites in the dunes on the ocean side and overlooking a spectacular salt marsh on the other side. The sites include elec/water and full heated bathrooms. Call (843)869-2156 for reservations. Park gate is only open between 8am-6pm. The camp address is 8377 State Cabin Rd Edisto Island SC 29438

****April 3 Windsor Locks, CT- LiMBO folding party.**

The second folding party of the year at Nevin and Sue Leschers house. 413-743-1814 or Email limbo@bcn.net for directions/questions.

April 14-17 Greensboro, NC -Everybus 05 A great bus campout where everyone is welcome. Tons of buses camping in a NC state park. See www.everybus.com for details.

April 24 Mansfield Hollow State Park, Mansfield, CT - The CVA's Annual Spring Dust-off from 9am to 3pm.

Held rain or shine. This is an informal, non-judged car show. Dash Plaques to the first 200 cars. Last year we had almost 250 cars, so arrive early. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the cars and your fellow VW comrades! Info: Jeremy (860) 539-9704 or Joe (860) 417-3026.

****May 1st Duxbury, MA- Rites of Spring.** Contact stan.wohlfarth@bentleypublishers.com or 413-743-1814.

****May 22 South Dartmouth, MA LiMBO folding party**

We are going to invade John Reynolds house this time. 413-743-1814 or Email limbo@bcn.net for directions/questions and latest info.

****May 28-30 Old Mystic, CT - Buses By the Mill**

Campout Located on the grounds of Clydes Cider Mill. A weekend full of fun and buses. Call Bill/Amy (860)572-2006 or Email: wmonk@snet.net

****May 27-30 Branchville, NJ- Westies in The Woods**

Stokes State Forest Group campsite A. Cost is only \$1.00 per night. See you in the Woods. Ron/Becky Email: beckybus12@hotmail.com

****June 9-12 Almonte, Ontario, Canada- Busfusion 5th**

annual Busfusion, a VW camper camping event in conjunction with River Edge, festival of the Arts in Mississippi Mills. www.busfusion.com Frank Condelli (613)256-6763 or Email: busfusion@aol.com

****June 10-12 Riverhead, NY -LiMBO on Long Island**

Indian River Park. Campground has been renovated, especially the group sites, and they now offer electric and water hookups for each and everyone if they so desire. See: <http://arasso.tripod.com> for details.

****July 15-17 Townshend, VT. West River Westies**

This great camping event will be repeated at the Bald Mountain Campground in Townshend, VT. A couple new events will take place this year. A competitive game for children and adults alike. It comes to us from Ohio and will be introduced here in the Northeast as the "LiMBO Cornhole toss". We're sure you will enjoy this one. 65 sites available now with water and electric hookup. Call BMC for reservations at (802)365-7510

July 16 -17, 2005 Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT-The CVA's Inaugural New England Volks-Meet,

from 9am to 3pm both days. Trophies will be awarded by people's choice in many different classes. Show will be open to all Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche owners and fans and will be held rain or shine. There will be dash plaques and goody bags to the first 300 cars and camping is available on Saturday night. There will be live bands and entertainment for the kids. Come and enjoy a weekend of true German fun. Thank You!! For additional info please call: Jeremy Clayton (860) 539-9704 vwbus@excite.com or Joe Hughes (860) 417-3026 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

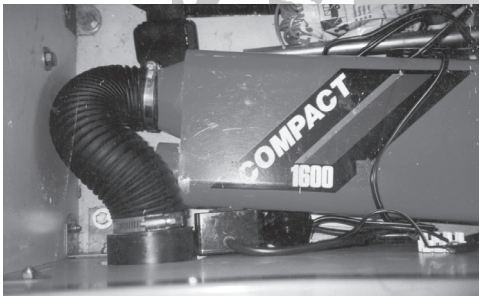
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Midwest Scene

Favorite Camper Modifications and Accessories, by Bill Dummitt

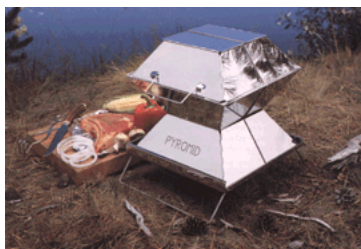
Over the years I've owned a number of VW campers and camp in them a lot. Like most of us, I've never been able to resist the temptation to improve them. Not all of these "improvements" have worked out, but I do have my favorites, listed here more or less in order. Maybe another story could be about the ones that didn't work out.....

1. No question, my favorite modification is the addition of a vented propane heater. I love to camp and extending the season extends my enjoyment. Best for the VW is a Propex or similar. It is small enough to easily install under the rear seat. I tee off the propane tank to feed it and vented through holes drilled in the floor. It works best with a second battery, but I've done OK at times without one. For many years they



had to be ordered from overseas. They are now available in the US from Karl Mullendore, The Westy Man in Maryland., thewestyman@mindspring.com. The one picture is an older 6000-btu model. I believe the new ones are a little more powerful.

2. A Pyromid charcoal grill. This is a small, collapsible stainless steel grill, ingeniously designed. I have two sizes, a 9-inch and a 12-inch. The 9-inch uses only four charcoal briquettes, and is perfect for cooking for one person. The 12-inch requires only nine briquettes and will cook for two or three. The grills fold flat and collapse into a small canvas bag and are amazingly easy to clean. Any other type of charcoal grill I've tried for VW camping is too big, too messy, too hard



to clean, and too hungry for charcoal. Unfortunately, Pyromid stoves are at the moment an endangered species. Apparently the company lost its manufacturer and is looking for a new one. For over a year now the web site has remained up (<http://www.pyromid.net/index.html>) but they aren't taking orders. They come up for sale on Ebay fairly often and you can find one there if you keep looking.

3. A portable shower. Keeping clean has always made camping a lot more pleasant for me, and I don't want to give that up when using a primitive campground. We've tried just about every gadget made for this purpose. My favorite is made by Zodi, www.zodi.com. They make a wide range of camp showers, but my favorite is called a Traveler. It fits in a small plastic box and uses a single Coleman fuel bottle. A small battery-operated pump sends water through a copper heat exchanger. There isn't a piece of camping equipment I've owned that produces more envy than this one. Bev bought a small collapsible shower tent that she uses for privacy with this rig and the combination is really nice. Zodi also makes a camp shower that is a glorified garden sprayer made of stainless steel. It heats on the stove, pumps up, and sprays away. We tried this one too. The concept sounded good but in practice it is devilishly hard to get the water to the right temperature- it is easier with the pump and heat exchanger, and if you have a lake or river nearby you never run out of hot water. You just sit by the water nekkid, drop the pickup end in the water, and you have hot water to your heart's content. At every VW campout I hear guys complaining that they can't find a woman to camp with them. Nothing will improve your chances like a shower.

4. A portable, 8x8 ft. pop-up canopy. Much cheaper than an installed RV-type awning and more versatile. I have one with a screen kit so I can turn it into a screen house on buggy nights.

5. A vinyl or Pergo floor in the camping area. The stock carpet is hard to clean and easy to get dirty. For camping excursions I prefer to replace it with either of the above.

The Swap Area

Club members may submit as many Available or Wanted ads as they would like for no charge. All entries must be written out as you would like them to appear in the newsletter and re-submitted for each issue they will appear in. **Repeat ads** are subject to editorial considerations and are not recommended. Include a name, state, address or telephone number. Remember, there's probably someone out there who has what you want or wants what you have! Please limit ads to less than 100 words.

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AVAILABLE: 1978 Westfalia. Rare right hand drive model. Australian type 1 engine, gene berg shifter, 3 way fridge, propane stove, water tank, sink, solid body, needs paint work, partial trades possible. Call Scott at (716)602-0862 (NY)

AVAILABLE: '78 bus. Good restoration project. Originally from Florida. '77 parts bus to go with it. Make offer. The buses are in western CT. I can be reached in PA at 610-827-5986.
chrishop55@yahoo.com (CT)

AVAILABLE: 1990 7 pass vanagon automatic w/ rear bed. Runs good. 95K on chassis, 30K on used engine. Good Auto Trans. A guy owed me some money and I got this van without motor and trans. Bought a used engine from Boston Bob, rebuilt by Shine racing. Bought a known good used trans. Put it together and got it running. Put new water pump, some assorted hoses and the big steel pipe. New throttle cable. Needs muffler and tailpipe (may need more exhaust, I haven't driven it enough to be sure) The van sat for 5 years. So far everything else is ok. (lights, horn, wipers that sort of thing) Has power steering (no leaks so far) and power brakes of course, A/C (need compressor), power windows, locks and mirrors (they work). big bumpers and skirts, Bordeaux Red (Maroon) with grey accents. Grey interior. Has a dent on the right side behind the slider, replaced the heavily damaged slider (put in new bearings) also small dent on corner of the body near rear left taillight. Overall, its decent, has rear bed, with middle seat. Would make decent work car, or nice family car. I'd like to get 2500 for it as it sits. (thats what I have into it.) I'll put an exhaust on it but the price will be 3000. Call me we'll talk Jim D 413-743-1814 or email:

Traveling Oregon by Marshall Johnson

My parents, DJ and LJ, flew from Indiana to Oregon for a late October visit. I was excited to catch up on lost time and anxious for LJ's home cookin' and DJ's maintenance expertise on my '83 * Westfalia. Prepared to share the beauty of the Northwest with them, we hit our first snag shortly after leaving the airport.

DJ documented the week in his daily journal: *"Saturday, October 23: Arrived in Portland at 2:30. Marshall came to greet us with the Westy. I noticed a 'tick' sound, like a crack in the front pipe. It was pouring down rain as we left the airport—by the time we made it to Marsh's house—the combo of rain and heat on the exhaust formed a large crack and loud exhaust."*

A loud exhaust would not crimp my plan of showing the folks a grand tour of Portland. After freshening up, we set out to tour floating homes that line the Columbia River. The homes inspired our creativity as we dreamt of living on the water and boating to work.

CRRRRCK: enter the second major obstacle of our trip. DJ writes, *"on the journey home from the Columbia River, the van failed to shift—the clutch was hanging up. Made it home by turning the van off at stops so we could put it back into gear. Got home and brainstormed the problem. Marsh noticed the fluid was low and the front cylinder was leaking fluid. Let it be until tomorrow."*

"Sunday, October 24: Crawled under the van and the slave cylinder seemed to get full stroke on the clutch release but still hanging up. Called Norman in Indiana to chat about the problem. He offered Bob as a Portland resource he found in the NEATO/LiMBO directory. Thanks for friends and LiMBO to help with this problem."

On Monday, Bob (a Limbo member) suggested we drop the van off at Precision Motor Car. Darrell slid us in and promised to quickly resolve our troubles; he was going to help us see Mt. St. Helens. "Darrell greeted us and heard the scenario of problems. Said he would bring in another tech if needed, to get us back on the road. Will make a point to visit Bob today, see his 5 vanagons and thank him for the lead. Nice people here in Oregon."

While DJ met Bob to learn about his

Volkswagen experience, LJ came to work with me for the afternoon. I was excited that she could see the after-school programs that I work with. As a school-teacher, I would value LJ's observations of the schools and community where I work.

While LJ and I don't share many technical conversations about the Westy, we do love travelling in it together. I could tell that LJ was ready for the van to be fixed, so we could leave the city and get in touch with the wondrous northwest.

DJ and I were prepared to pick up the Westy by 4 P.M. on Tuesday and hoped be on the road by 5. My girlfriend, Tiffany, and I both had taken Wednesday off work. We were all excited to take off Tuesday night and wanted to visit Mt. St. Helens, which was spilling a dump truck sized load of lava each second inside the volcano's crater.

Darrell had replaced the master cylinder and manifold exhaust pipes and the call came that the Westy was finished. After settling the bill, DJ drove us to Schuck's Auto Store to pick up an air filter, head light, and wiper blades---the only repairs we had intended to make during the trip. Leaving Schuck's, DJ tossed me the keys so I could feel the new clutch cylinder, but the clutch would not engage.

When Darrell saw our white Westy pull back into Precision Motor Care, he knew what was wrong. While the front cylinder had been leaking fluid, it had not been prohibiting the gears from shifting. A worn pilot bearing required a clutch replacement. So much for our plans to leave town by 5. Fortunately, Darrell assigned his #1 tech to the job. He would stay late that evening and get us on the road by early morning.

Wednesday, 8:25 A.M.: Darrell calls and the van is ready to rock! Marsh and I walk the 12 blocks to pick the Westy up. The pilot bearing had disintegrated and the needles from the bearing were keeping the clutch from being able to shift. The clutch plate

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If you see a local rep for your area, or a specialist you would like to contact, please feel free to get in touch with them. If you don't see a local rep for your area and would like to become one, or to become a specialist, let me know at my address on page 2. Thanks

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itself was just about to the rivets, so it was time for all of this to happen: 146,000 miles.

We were winding through curvy Washington roads by noon on Wednesday. The views of Mt. St. Helens were spectacular, as blue skies and a white plume of steam dominated the skyline. We picked up apples for 39 cents/pound from a local market and had a picnic lunch on the banks of a gorgeous lake. The current eruptions limited our access to a lookout 5-miles from the volcano dome, but the experience is one that will not be forgotten.

On Thursday, we visited Bagby Hot Springs for a relaxing soak in the natural hot spring. The hike into the springs and rustic bath houses offered a chance to loosen up and reflect on the week's experience. Though our trip came to an end too soon, DJ and LJ are already shooting around plans to drive their '85 Westy westward in the coming year. An '83 * and '85 meeting in the Western U. S. is bound to create more memorable times and venues for DJ to continue his pursuit of VW enlightenment, family camaraderie, and natural exploration of our great country.

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****July 31st Sterling, MA LiMBO folding party.** Tentative location at The Costello's home in Sterling. 413-743-1814 or Email limbo@bcn.net for directions/questions and latest info.

Sept 16-19 Cape May, NJ. A fall camping event in Cape May, NJ. To reserve a site (800)233-0150 ext19 speak to Allison and let her know you are with the VW group. Questions email: cfa288@aol.com

Oct 16th, 2005 Old Saybrook, CT -The CVA's 7th Annual Fall Foliage Cruise from 9am to ??? Held rain or shine this event will begin at Old Saybrook VW and will wind through the scenic roads of Connecticut with a few stops along the way. Please bring a picnic lunch. There will be a dinner after the cruise for those that are interested. Come and enjoy the colors of fall with us. For additional info please contact: Jeremy Clayton (860) 539-9704 vwbus@excite.com or Joe Hughes (860) 417-3026 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

****Oct 30th Brookline, MA Transporterfest/ Volkswagen Day.** At the Museum of Transportation. Contact Stan: stan.wohlfarth@bentleypublishers.com or 413-743-1814

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