

The Transporter

The official newsletter of the Late Model Bus Organization, international- LiMBO



Check out these photos of Edward Giarnese's 84 camper taking some hot laps at the SCCA Rally Cross event at Stafford Springs Raceway. Looks like fun!! Check out the letter Ed sent along with these photos on page 9.

Photos by Pete Kuncis



Spend all day racing and when your done, pop the top for some relaxation and home cooking.

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Views through the Windshield

Hi Gang,

Welcome to another issue of *The Transporter*. Well it's almost spring as I write this. By the time you get this newsletter, it will be spring on the calendar. I can't wait, pretty soon I'll be able to take the Microbus out of storage and another great event season will be underway.

We had a bit of a coup recently at here at LiMBO. In the cover of night, dress as Indians, tea was thrown in the water, that sort of thing, we now have a new President.

Some of you may know him, he's been a volunteer for some time and now that Stan has a new baby (congrats to you and Maryann) thought it would be a perfect time to step up and be President. Congratulation goes to Bill Monk and First Lady Amy. I joke that it was a coup, but what really happened was the weather was lousy the day of the meeting and Bill couldn't attend, so it wasn't until the folding party a couple of weeks later that we could vote him in as President.

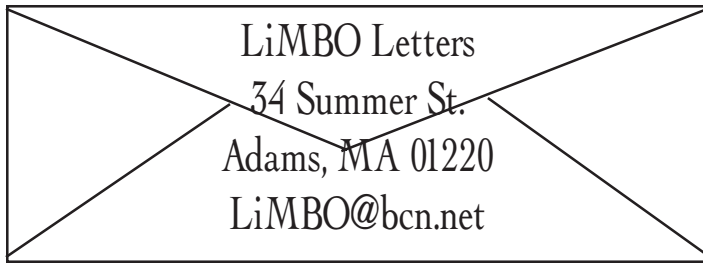
We were going to vote him in at the meeting in absentia, but in the off chance that Bill didn't want to do it, what then? John Reynolds, our new advertising coordinator, joked we should vote for him anyway. That would teach him for not showing up to the meetings.

Have you taken a look at the LiMBO website recently? If not you should check it out, www.LiMBObus.org. Phil has done a nice job keeping it fresh and relevant. I can foresee in the not do distant future, when LiMBO will move to be a strictly on-line club.

Check it out, there is a lot of info there. There is an interactive forum to post questions or comments about a wide range of subjects. There is also a new "blog" area to rant and rave about anything you want from stupid drivers to the amount to sugar in catsup.

There are also the normal pages, swap area, events and LiMBO-mart. Those of us involved with the site are endeavoring to get and keep those pages up to date.

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Dear Jim-

I have been remiss in keeping my fellow LiMBO members updated on my wander- I've been having too much fun! My house sold in July, I moved into a rental until just after Labor Day when I resigned from my job and hit the road as a VW full-timer. With me is Max my 5 year old beagle-basset mix and Pawl the 15 year old cat. I really didn't want to bring the cat as she hasn't done any traveling in the past 13 or so years, but none of my family could take her, so I brought her along. She has done amazingly well, turned into a real volkscat.

I left the UP of Michigan and headed for Lansing and Grand Rapids for a month to settle things like where to get mail (my sister's), sell my Jeep (it's still in my brother's yard with a for sale sign), etc etc. I headed out the first part of October, got as far as Niles on the Indiana border and discovered a major oil leak. Back to Lansing, where we also discovered coolant blowing out the overflow. Head gaskets, again! When I had the heads replaced a few years ago, they told me the block was pitted quite badly, so rather than go thru the head gasket thing again, I decided to replace the engine before I went on my wander. A week to make that determination, a week to get an engine (they sent an air-cooled 83 instead of a water-cooled) another week for the right engine, then 4 days for installation, and I was once again on my way. I wanted to do Route 66, so headed out with my maps and guidebook to help find it. I had some other mechanical problems, in the shop 4 times, towed 3 times, nobody diagnosed vanagon syndrome, which is what it turned out to be. Now when it starts sputtering, I shut off the key, turn it back on and it runs great.

I ended up in the Palm Springs area of California- I had lived there 20 some years ago, and wanted to look up some old friends. I found some in Joshua Tree, and spent some time with them. They have 10 acres and a couple of other people in RVs staying there for the winter. I took a wander to Slab City, camped with the Loners on Wheels there. They have a permanent encampment there with a card room, fire pit, library, happy hour every day at 3, it was great. I had a solar panel put on the van while I was there- a great investment as it turns out.

I went to Buses by the Bridge in Lake Havasu, met up with old friends Frank and Rita Condelli, Joy Hecht, and Larry Chase, and met some new friends. Some of them I had emailed with from various VW email lists so it was fun to finally meet in person.

I went to Quartzsite the following weekend with Loners on Wheels. It was cool and windy and downright

cold at night, so I decided to go to the hot springs at Tonopah for a soak. That was great. \$30 got me 2 private one hour soaks in a wonderful lanai with trees and a lily pond, plus overnight camping with electric hook-up. I could have soaked longer in the communal tub, but it is nude so I went for the private soak. Turns out the hot springs was a nudist colony until last November, now clothing must be worn outside of the tubs.

From there I went to Apache Junction- my parents had spent their winters there in the late 1970's and early 80's and I wanted to see how it had changed. It has grown in leaps and bounds.

Drove out Route 88 to Tortilla Flat, which is an old stage coach stop on the way to Roosevelt Dam. Camped at the National Forest Campground there, had lunch at the Flats, saw a Help Wanted sign in the window, and ended up with a job! I'm working at the gift shop until the end of March (for less than a third of what I made at the post office) having a great time. I ride my bicycle to work so I don't have to take the van down, which is a plus. We have flush toilets, but no showers, water hookup but no electric. Good thing for the solar panel! I've got my solar shower rigged up with a battery pump. There is no cel reception, no internet, so when I go to Apache Junction on my day off to do laundry I have to check in with family and friends so they know I'm still alive. The scenery is breathtaking. I'm in a canyon surrounded by mountains. The coyotes yip and howl at night, gambel quail abound, I have seen the droppings of javalina, but haven't seen them yet. There are bunnies everywhere which drive poor Max crazy as I can't let him loose to chase them.

I plan on being back in Michigan for Easter with the family, since I missed Christmas I had to promise to be there. After that I'm headed to Alaska for the summer. I have a blog- <http://spaces.msn.com/members/inmy83westy> so people can keep track of my travels. I try to update once a week or so. My email is inmy83westy@yahoo.com if anybody wants to write. I will try to keep you updated periodically on my travels, maybe even make it to the east coast for a folding party in the fall. Happy trails.

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Sounds like you're having a great time. I'm envious! My long term retirement plan is to hit the road and RV across America. By the way, feel free to posts blogs on the LiMBO site anytime. www.LiMBObus.org -Jim

A note from Jen Olson: *wife of area rep Todd Olson-ed*

Hello. I am starting a new fund raising project and would like your help. I would like to make a "Bus" cookbook filled with recipes to prepare while camping in a bus. I would love to include recipes from as many people as possible and would love to hear your recipes.

This cookbook is going to be sold to raise money for burn survivors through Buses By the Beach.com. Some recipe categories I would like to include are Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks, Campfire, and Kids Favorites. I would eventually like to take a picture of each recipe and

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2006 LiMBO Annual Meeting Minutes.

By Mike Guilfoil- LiMBO clerk.

The 2006 Annual meeting was held on Sunday January 15, 2006 at Dale Ward's home in Shrewsbury, MA. The following members were present:

Name	Position (present)
DiGennaro, Jim	Director, Newsletter Editor, assistant webmaster, Pay Pal coordinator
Guilfoil, Mike	Director, Clerk
Paine, Steve	Director, Membership, Advertising (classified)
Reynolds, John	Member
Smith, Glen	Treasurer
Ward, Dale	Director, Membership (new members)
Wohlfarth, Stan	Director, President, Advertising
Bossarte, George	Director
Power, Tom	Member
Manion, Linda	Member
Chabot, Mary	Member
Chabot, George	Member
Woodring, Bill	Member

2005 Meeting Minutes (Mike Guilfoil)

The meeting began with a review of the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting.

President's Message (Stan Wohlfarth)

Stan delivered a brief opening message with the following points.

- 2005 was a good year. Financially we are in good shape.
- Significant savings have been realized on the newsletter. Nevin is doing a great job coordinating with Konica-Minolta.
- Membership is down to 423 – not that bad, but don't know what to do to increase.
- Not a reason to panic, LiMBO can still be a viable organization even if it shrinks some more.
- Lot's of people are still participating – the nature of the club may change.

Financial Report (Glen Smith)

Glen presented a detailed financial report with the following observations:

- Income is down, but our expenses have also gone down.
- Cash balance has increased to \$9943.
- Printing and postage costs are down.
- Revenues from membership are recorded in the year in which they are received, not amortized. There is a potential liability in that revenues do not track years of dues/membership.
- Newsletter editor costs also show when paid, not when earned.
- We are still carrying the BCN Internet server and associated costs. Jim DiGennaro explained that many people still have the old address. BCN redirects hits to the new address.
- An Action Item was given to Jim DiGennaro to see how many hits we are still getting on the BCN server/address and make a recommendation as to whether or not we should drop the service when the subscription expires in March. We will lose the redirect to the new address if people use the old address.



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- The club is in a good cost to revenue situation – even if membership drops we should still be in a good position.

The report summary is as follows:

- Revenues	\$11,724
- Expenses	\$8,273
- Net	\$3,451
- Balance Year End	\$9,944
-	\$.18 is in the Adams Account

The financial report was approved and accepted.

Newsletter (Jim DiGennaro)

- Jim investigated the costs of printing the Newsletter with a color cover \$300 per issue. Decided it is not worth the expense. (NEATO tried it in the past in hopes of attracting more members – it didn't work.)
- Suggestion was made to include a reminder that the newsletter is also available on the LiMBO website for members. A password is needed. Members wishing to access the newsletter on the Internet should contact Jim DiGennaro to set up their password. Note: Photographs etc are in color on the Internet version.
- The auto-renewal feature of Papal has been eliminated. This feature caused many members/potential members much distress. (Until the system is fully corrected members may receive cancellation messages from Pay Pal.)
- **Jim again stressed the need for content submissions. If you send it, he'll publish it.**
- Jim's PageMaker program crashed, and his Program Disk is broken. Authorization was given for Jim to purchase a new PageMaker program.
- John Reynolds noted that his company had bought PageMaker, but found it did not meet their needs. John volunteered to see if his company would want to donate their PageMaker to LiMBO if it is Macintosh compatible.

Transporter Printing Coordination (Nevin Lescher)

- Nevin could not be present due to the poor weather and road conditions, but forwarded a written report.
- We have an excellent relationship with Konica-Minolta (our printing contractor).
- Only the final/correct file for the newsletter is to be sent to Konica Minolta.
- Meeting our scheduled deadline to the printer is critical.
- The print run quantity for each issue must be confirmed in advance to both Nevin and Konica-Minolta if it is going to deviate from the current quantity of 500.
- Nevin apologized for any perceived grumpiness on his part near the end of the year and agreed to continue as the print coordinator with Konica-Minolta.

Postage Meter (Dale Ward)

- Discussion was held on the possibility of buying postage from the U.S. Postal Service via Stamps.com.
- Stamps.com would save the monthly service charge we must pay to Pitney Bowes, however we would have to print our own stamps (special peel off sheets).
- Currently we have \$2000 postage pre-paid in our postage meter –enough for another year.
- Pitney Bowes is sending automatic bills to Glen, which he has been paying, which is why we own so much postage. These automatic invoices are probably based on our historical usage and apparently do not automatically adjust downward to reflect our reduced usage. As noted last year, our cost cutting efforts to reduce the weight of the newsletter (less postage per copy) and reduced quantities have greatly reduced our postage requirements.

- Glen will stop making payments when billed (but we risk being assessed late fees).
- An Action Item was given to Dale to contact Pitney Bowes to establish a lower balance be maintained for the meter.
- Steve Paine expressed concern that printing our own stamps from Stamps.com could become a major headache. (Self-stick stamp sheets, printer hang-ups etc).
- Another option suggested was to simply purchase the correct denomination self stick stamps from the Post Office since we have a stable postage cost per newsletter.
- A decision was made to review the situation again next year after we have run down the balance on the postage meter.

Newsletter Advertising (Stan Wohlfarth)

- John Reynolds volunteered to take over the position with a goal of soliciting additional advertisers.
- The rate for a business card ad is \$75, plus \$25 for to be included in the TTT (optional).
- An Action Item was given to John to see if Hot VW's still offers the low rate classified style ads for clubs etc. If so, place one.

TTT (Transporter Tourist and Traveler Directory)

- The TTT is a joint venture by LiMBO and NEATO.
- It's time to do a new one.
- Jim DiGennaro will include the TTT form in the next issue of the Newsletter.
- All members who wish to be included in the TTT must fill out a new form this time. A TTT database does not exist in the LiMBO membership database files. Steve Paine will add a field to the files this time based on the forms received. For future issues, only new members and changes will require new forms.
- The NEATO database is up to date. George Bossarte will print it out.
- Schedule: Forms will be included in the next newsletter – end of January-due back by April 15, 2006. A follow up reminder will be included in the March issue.
- Jim DiGennaro will do the layout. We will have Konica-Minolta do the printing.
- The goal is to distribute the new TTT's with the May/June Newsletter, in time for the summer travel months.

Webpage (Phil Dlugolecki, Jim DiGennaro)

- Phil could not attend the meeting but forwarded comments.
- Low activity this winter.
- We are currently using about 75% of our bandwidth due to the photograph content.
- More content submissions are needed.
- Jim DiGennaro will continue to be the back-up Webmaster.
- The question was raised as to why there is a swap area in the Forum area in addition to the regular Swap Area. The preference is to have only one Swap Area and drop the one in the Forum area.
- The comment was made that the "Quick Index" in the Swap Area does not seem to be up to date, and also does not provide a link to the specific ad. The explanation was that the quick index is a table that must be manually created/ updated by Phil. A suggestion was made to see if Phil could set the Quick Index to automatically key off the ads and provide a link to the ad.

Membership (Steve Paine)

- Membership is at 423 from 501 last year.
- 368 traditional members; 55 Internet members.
- There are an additional 49 expired Internet members who are still being carried. Reminders need to be sent out. Steve does not have the time to do it.
- Jim DiGennaro explained that the delinquent members were not

dropped last year because we were still working out the bugs with Internet membership and PayPal.

- An Action Item was given to Jim DiGennaro to send out reminder notices to all delinquent Internet members, then start deleting those who do not renew.
- Membership dues were discussed – currently \$25 traditional, \$20 Internet. The possibility of reducing the Internet membership dues was brought up. Final decision was to keep all dues the same.
- LiMBO Window Stickers for new/existing members was discussed. Steve had a quote from May 2004 of \$659 for 1000, or \$742 for 2000 stickers.
- Steve was authorized up to \$1000 to have new artwork made to include the LiMBO web address and to order new stickers.

Area Rep Coordinator (Kevin Kruger)

- Kevin was unable to attend the due to work commitments.
- Kevin sent a message to Stan resigning from the position. Unfortunately, Stan did not see the message prior to the meeting.
- The position of Area Rep Coordinator was filled at the January 29 Folding Party. Tom Power and Linda Manion will assume this position and try to encourage Area Representatives to plan events. (See Election of Officers Section.)

Limbomart (Nevin Lescher)

- Nevin could not be present due to the poor weather and road conditions, but forwarded a written report.
- Sales have been sluggish the latter part of the year. 90% of sales are from the Web using PayPal.
- Current store inventory is as follows:
Ash Gray Tees – 9XXL, 16XL, 2S
Oceana Tees – 7XXL, 17XL, 9L, 5M, 1S
Dometic Manuals – 3
Euro/Winnie Manuals – 5
LiMBO Stickers – 31
Tankards – 51
LiMBOcloxs 12 (2 finished, 10 unfinished)
Eurovan Manual – 1
- Very few Bentley Manuals are sold anymore. We cannot offer a competitive price without buying a minimum order from Bentley. The best we can do is for Jim DiGennaro to order one through his VW dealership at discount and then ship it out, still costing more than someone can purchase it for from other sources. A decision was made to drop the Bentley Manuals from the LiMBOmart.
- Nevin suggested adding LiMBO baseball style caps to the offerings. Nevin will be requested to get prices.
- Also to be added are Hatch Sticks and EZ Mount pins for wheel mounting.
- Nevin will not cart around the store inventory with him to shows and events this year – bringing along only some samples. Stan would like to see him bring some T shirts and tankards to LiMBO campouts and events.
- Nevin brought up the issue of PayPal and how cumbersome our procedures are. Currently the PayPal account is linked to Jim DiGennaro's credit card, therefore all PayPal orders first come to him, and when he gets time to read them he forwards them to Nevin. This sometimes can cause significant delays in filling orders.

- A suggestion was made to get a LiMBO credit card so that Jim does not need to be in the loop.
- An Action Item was given to Glen Smith to see if we can get a LiMBO credit card. Glen will open the account as treasurer.

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Election of Officers, Board of Directors, Positions

- The Elections actually took place in two parts. First at the meeting, and then a follow-up at the January 29 Folding Party.
- Stan Wohlfarth had previously expressed a desire to step out of the President's position with the new baby arriving. Bill Monk was proposed as President, but at the time of the meeting it was not possible to confirm his willingness to assume the position. With the day growing late and the poor weather/road conditions, Stan agreed to serve another year.
- Bill Monk was reached from the Folding Party and expressed his willingness to serve as President. A series of phone calls to officers not present and email communications confirmed support for Bill, and Bill Monk was elected President.
- Glen Smith, CPA, agreed to continue as Treasurer.
- With no volunteers, Mike Guilfoil agreed to continue as Clerk.
- At the Folding Party, Tom Power and Linda Manion agreed to fill the position of Area Representative Coordinator.
- Stan Wohlfarth was elected as a Director (taking Bill Monk's slot) as part of the Folding Party actions. Stan was previously a Director by virtue of being President. Bill will also now serve as a Director by virtue of being President.
- All other Directors are in the second year of their two-year term.
- Note: Members present at the January 29 Folding Party were Dale Ward, Nevin & Sue Lescher, Barbara & Bob Costello, George & Mary Chabot, Linda Manion & Tom Power, Steve Paine and Evans Waldron.

Following are the Officers, Directors and Positions for 2006:

Officers (one year term):

President	Bill Monk
Treasurer	Glen Smith, CPA
Clerk	Mike Guilfoil

Directors (New, 2-year term))

Stan Wohlfarth

Directors (second year of 2 year term)

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

Note: Officers automatically serve on the Board of Directors

Positions:

Newsletter Editor	Jim DiGennaro
Membership (new)	Dale Ward
Membership (renewals)	Steve Paine
Internet Membership	Jim DiGennaro
Advertising:	
Newsletter/TTT/Business	John Reynolds
Classified	Bill & Amy Monk
Area Rep. Coordinator	Linda Manion & Tom Power
Limbomart	Nevin Lescher
Legal Advisors	Rick Golen Brad Johnson
Events Coordinator	Linda Manion & Tom Power
Web Master	Phil Dlugolecki

Event Planning

A preliminary Events calendar was developed - see the newsletter/Website. It is imperative that anyone planning an event gets their information in to Events Coordinators Linda Manion & Tom Power as soon as possible for inclusion in the Newsletter and to possibly avoid conflicts.

Linda Manion & Tom Power

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- Linda Manion suggested that event listings have more complete information. As a minimum, a phone contact should be included for all events.
- Linda and Tom volunteered to assist Bill and Amy with to make sure sufficient information is obtained from those who want to post events in the Newsletter and on the Web Site. Linda will contact Bill.
- A suggestion was made to see if Phil can make self fill out forms with required fields (like the Swap Area classifieds) for posting of events.
- A decision was made to move the Rites of Spring to Westerly RI for 2006, with a tentative date of Sunday April 23, 2006. Tom Power and Linda Manion will coordinate the event. John Reynolds took an Action Item to call Bill Cline and give him a heads up on the new location for this year.
- The Museum of Transportation has given us Sunday October 1, 2006 for Transporterfest.
- A decision was made to begin providing seed money for events again since there are now funds available. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Calendar - Folding Parties

- A tentative Folding Party schedule was developed as shown below.


May 21 George & Mary Chabot, 62 Pond Court, Webster MA,
 508-847-0654, f1der@gis.net, mary.chabot@NEMoves.com

July 23 Tom Power & Linda Manion, 286 4th Ave., Woonsocket
 RI, 401-762-2448, VolkswagenRI@cox.net

Sep 24 John Reynolds, 53B Abner Potter Way, South Dartmouth
 MA, 508-636-4198, kayakjr@juno.com

Nov 19 Jim DiGennaro, 34 Summer St., Adams MA, 413-743-
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LIMBO Member Bails Me Out

I joined your organization after one of your members got me out of a jam...twice.

Wednesday January 18th, I took the train from my hometown of Portland, ME to Ronkonkoma, NY (on Long Island) to buy a 1979 Westy (yes, I found it on eBay). The owner would have preferred I towed the vehicle home but the \$700.00 for the U-Haul seemed steep at the time and the owner did think the car could make it.

After staying the night in a hotel, I went to the DMV there and got a NY "In-Transit Permit" that allows me to drive the vehicle to my home state. The DMV didn't open until 10AM so it was 11 before I headed to Orient Point at the eastern end of Long Island so I could take the ferry to New London, CT and avoid the major city traffic around NYC.

The ride was great and I was soon motoring up 395 in CT. Just before the MA border I noticed the alternator light was on. Just after crossing into MA the car started running rough so I took the next exit for Webster, MA. The car started backfiring as I drove down the exit ramp and the last backfire blew the muffler and catalytic converter off as I could hear it dragging.

I pushed the car off the road and within minutes several people were checking on me to see if I needed help. The first person, Rob, tried to jump the car to no avail so he headed home to get a tow rope. While he was gone, LIMBO member George Chabot, stopped to see if I needed help. I told

him I had a guy coming back to help and he chuckled and said that I didn't quite understand as he owns three vans and does all of his own resto/maintenance work. He said he had some errands to run and gave me his card, telling me to call him if Rob couldn't help.

Rob soon returned and towed me to his home in nearby Thompson, CT. It would be dark soon & he had lights and tools there so he thought it best to bring the bus there.

In his driveway we noticed that the battery and alternator cables were very loose so we tightened them and put a charge on the battery. He was convinced that the alternator was toast so he called a few friends to see if he could find one-which he couldn't do without waiting a day or two. He thought I should call George so I called him and he soon arrived.

We let the car charge and went a couple doors down and had a pizza. After supper I was able to start the van and followed George back to his place and backed up to his garage. It was getting later so he thought it best to weld the exhaust back in place so we didn't wake up the neighborhood.

After some fabrication on the broken pipe that had broken, George welded on the pipe, the catalytic converter (hollow of course) and a new muffler that the owner had given me the day before.

Next we cleaned the battery terminals and cable connections and George pronounced that he thought there was nothing wrong with the alternator because my headlights ran too strong when I followed him back from Rob's place.

George proceeded to inspect the rest of the vehicle and I have since promised him first refusal if I ever want to sell. George graciously offered me to stay the night and fed me breakfast the next morning. He even gave me some parts before I left and told me to call if I had any further trouble. If the story ended there I would still be writing you telling of George's & Mary's hospitality, but alas the story continues.

I drove up through Worcester and was going onto 495 near Marlboro, MA when the gas pedal broke off at the hinge! I pulled onto the shoulder and proceeded up the hwy at idle, hoping to make it to the Berlin/Hudson, MA exit a mile away. Halfway there, a state police officer pulled up beside me and asked what the trouble was. I explained and then he asked me where my registration tags were. I pointed out the NY "In-Transit" permit taped to the rear window and he asked me what an "In-Transit" permit was.



Plus I've shaved three strokes off my game, thanks George.

Now in NY I was made aware that MA does not recognize these permits but I just told him what it was and hoped for the best. He sighed and asked me if I had proof of insurance-which I quickly produced. He then called AAA for me and went on his way-phew! AAA towed me to the Berlin/Hudson Park & Ride lot just off the exit as the driver thought that the local garage would not be able to help me that late in the week.

I called George and told him what happened and then told him to stay there while I checked to see if I could take care of the problem locally. I walked over to the garage and they confirmed that they were too busy to assist right away. However, they

pointed out that a VW repair shop called BeetlebugIII (www.beetlebugiii.com) was just around the corner. Amazed, I walked over to the VW shop. They were quite busy and if I wanted to stay in town for a couple days they would have gladly helped me out.

Instead, I selfishly called George and he gathered some tools and pulled in to the Park & Ride lot an hour later!! I had pulled the front pan underneath to inspect the throttle cable and it seemed intact. George looked it all over and decided that he did not have the proper equipment to replace the gas pedal. After some chin scratching George reluctantly offered a temporary solution as I was making it clear that I wanted to drive the van home if at all possible.

He proceeded to take a spare throttle cable that he had brought and run it from the driver seat back through the van, through a hole in the firewall under the rear bench all the way to the throttle at the motor. He had picked up a golf club (a 5 iron I believe) in the field beside the parking lot and we used that, braced against the passenger seat frame as my throttle. I made a test run to the gas station, filled up with gas and drove home to Portland. I took full advantage of a new friend for which I apologize. George refused to take any payment but I will be sending something soon although it will not be enough to compensate for what he did. Thank you George and Mary Chabot for your help and hospitality!

Peter & Laurie Grant – New LIMBO members



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New LiMBO Stickers are available. Its black and White and uses the original LiMBO artwork with club web address below. Its two inch in diameter and is static stick for years of use. It can be transferred to a new vehicle. 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

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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)

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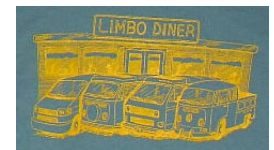
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 have it on the page with the recipe. I also want cool pictures of buses on the page and bus/camping names for the recipe. Like, "Westy Waffles" or "Bus Burgers." Your name and location will be listed with your recipe. Please submit as many as possible so all bus campers can enjoy your cooking ideas! They can be recipes you make at home that travel well in the cooler, or they can be recipes you make using your grill, propane cooktop, or electric griddle or skillet. They can be as simple as mac and cheese with hot dogs or something a little more gourmet. As you know... anything goes in a bus!

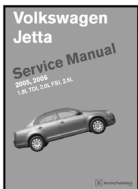
Some recipes that come to mind are... Angela Strohschein's pies, Mary Wisnewski's beer bread, Kristin Diffata's homemade salsa, Sara Dew's black bean mango salsa and smores with peanutbutter, Kim Hengert's red pepper hummus, Nancy Owsianowski's chocolate chip cookies, Michelle Plichta's award winning chili, Richard and Hope Sanchez's breakfast burritos, Kirt Weakman & Dave Strohschien's late night Queezy-dillas, Katie Hirt's jambalya, . Also at some of the potlucks there were salads and dishes I did not know who made them, but they were great!

Please submit recipes and meal ideas to jen.olson@charter.net
 Thank you for your help in creating an awesome cookbook for all to enjoy!
 -Jennifer Olson

What a great idea! When you get the book done, let us know and well put an ad in the newsletter for you. I have a recipe for an Italian sausage stew that is easy to make and you can make it in a slow cooker or a dutch oven.-Jim



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Dear LiMBO,
 On January 18th I entered my 84 Westy (formerly know as the Cow Bus) in the SCCA Rally Cross event at Stafford Springs Raceway here in Connecticut. Rally Cross is set up like an auto cross only its run on a dirt or snow surface.

I ran the bus because it's my daily driver and my wife wouldn't let me take the Subaru.

I had a blast. Everybody loved the idea of a Vanagon Camper competing in Rally Cross.

As it turned out there were only two entries in Showroom Stock Rear Wheel Drive, my bus and a BMW M3 that a family of three was sharing in the event.

I was turning times about 5 seconds slower than they were but they left before the last two runs so I took first in class and got big trophy which is now displayed prominently in my living room! Sooo cool.

More information can be had at WWW.NER.Org.
 Edward Giarnese, Winsted, CT

Ed the photos you sent were great. I put a few on the cover of this issue. Sounds like a great time. Maybe next year, I'll come down with the Mircobus and give you a run for your money. =) -Jim

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.

**Send to: *Coming Events*,
c/o Linda Manion
286 Fourth Avenue
Woonsocket, RI 02895
BEST: events@limbobus.org**

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

APRIL

April 01, 2006 Effingham, Illinois- Mid America Motorworks Spring Swapfest Get your parts before summer starts "Swapfest" Only private sellers and car clubs allowed, no commercial vendors permitted. All items for sale are VW/Porsche and Corvette parts, accessories and Memorabilia. No charge for lookers/buyers to attend swapfest. 17082 US Highway 45, Effingham, Illinois. Phone: 800-500-1500 or online www.mamotorworks.com

April 20-23, 2006 Pleasant Garden, NC -Everybus 2006 This will be the Ninth year for Everybus located at Hagen-Stone park located about 10 miles south of Greensboro, NC. Mapquest address 5920 Hagan-Stone Park Road, Pleasant Garden NC. Web: www.everybus.com or email: everybus@mindspring.com

April 23 Jacksonville Beach, FL - 8th Annual Volkswagens at the Beaches. All VW swap and show. At the South Beach Regional Plaza presented by the SEVWC. Email Arvid Nelson: r66bug@bellsouth.net

****April 23 Westerly, RI- Rites of Spring** -New location at Misquamicut State Beach, Atlantic Avenue, Westerly, RI. We'll be gathering from 10 until 3. Spring is here so blow the cobwebs out of the old bus. It's basically a highway drive all the way to the beach. Bring a picnic basket, and get together with old and new friends for the first event of the season. We'll have more details about other upcoming events The surfing is great but there's no lifeguard on duty and wetsuits are a necessity! Please try to attend! Non-member are also welcome. For directions, go to <http://www.misquamicutbeach.info/directions.htm> Contact Tom & Linda at volkswagenri@cox.net or 401-762-2448 before 9PM.

April 30, 2006 Mansfield, CT- CVA Dust Off 9am to 3pm. Held rain or shine. This is an informal, non-judged car show. Dash plaques will go 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! Contact info: Jeremy (860) 539-9704, vwbus@excite.com or Joe (203) 982-6257

MAY

May 05-07 Beavertown, PA- Granny Grose's Buses II Camping with Granny Grose (campground owner). Full facilities at campground. Campsite \$18.00/night, door prizes, raffle, caravan to dinner, and vw show. Nestled in the Bald Eagle Forest. Call Justin: 814 944 5290 or Email: Jqb1974vwwest@cs.com

May 19-21 Grand Rapids, MI-Fourth Annual Burns Survivor Benefit Car Show and Campout A great campout and carshow with all the proceeds going to the Phoenix Society of Burn Survivors. Web www.busesbythebeach.com Email Todd at 616-874-5536 todd.olson@charter.net

May 19-21 Morrow, Ohio- 6th Buses n Boats Campout. Ohio Valley Tribe of the Full Moon Bus Club host this great spring campout. With live music, technical demonstrations, and world famous Full Moon Bus Club burrito breakfast. Web www.geocities.com/buses_n_boats/ Contact John at (513) 313-9546 or email john@buszen.com

****May 26-29 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: 973-656-1473 eMail: beckybus12@hotmail.com

****May 26-29 Old Mystic, CT Buses By The Mill IV** This is the fourth year of camping on the ground of B.F. Clydes Cider Mill. This is NOT A CAMPGROUND, it is a seasonal cider business that is closed. We get free use of their grounds, electric, and water. We rent a couple clean portapotties and have clean running water on site. We have a couple group meals (no one ever goes hungry!!!), so bring a couple dishes to share. Pancakes, eggs, toast, potatoes, bacon and juice will be provided by the Monks Sat and Sun morning. The main picnic will be on Sunday. Address is 129 North Stonington Rd. Old Mystic, 06372. Directions: Exit 90 off of route 95, take route 27 north, turn right a stop, bear right at fork, the mill is on the left hand side. Email: wmonk@snet.net, phone (860)572-2006. Please let them know if you're coming so they can get a head count for food and party favors!!!!

JUNE

June 1-4, 2006 Niles, MI - Bus Bluegrass!
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June 02-03 Effingham, Illinois -Mid America Motorworks Funfest for Air-Cooled VW's Funfest for aircooled VW's is Mid-America's way of saying "thank you" to all of our VW enthusiasts. The two-day funfest is the best Air-cooled enthusiasts party anywhere. 17082 US Highway 45 Effingham, Illinois Phone: 800-500-1500 www.mamotorworks.com

****June 08-11, 2006 Mississippi Mills, Almonte Ward, ON Canada Busfusion 2006.** Will be held in conjunction with RiverEdge Festival of the Arts at the North Lanark Agricultural Society's Almonte Fairgrounds. Promising to be the premier Canadian VW camping event. Pre registration is now being accepted for those who wish to have a BusFusion 2006 T-shirt and Dash Plaque. We look forward to seeing you all there! See www.busfusion.com for more details and pre-registration form. Call: 613-256-6763 or email: busfusion@aol.com

****June 9-11, 2006 Riverhead, NY Buses by the Big Duck at Indian River Campground.** All sites have w/e hook ups, clean restrooms with flush toilets and free showers, \$27 per night, \$17 per night for Suffolk County residences with Green Key Park Pass. Check in at front office, cash only payments collected by Andrea upon arrival. Last minute arrivals welcome, but let Andrea know if arriving after 10PM or before 8AM. Potluck supper and raffle Saturday night. For more information go to <http://arasso.tripod.com/> Send email to be added to attendance list: rassovw@hotmail.com. This is a great event! A good time is had by all!

June 18, 2006 Harwinton, CT Litchfield Bug In. There is camping on site the night before and a 'bug in bash' Saturday night as well at the show field. Contact Chuck Pisconski at 860-283-5256 or email: vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net

June 26, 2006 East Granby CT Mark's Auto Parts Cruise for VW'S Contact Call Jeremy at (860) 539-9704, email: vwbus@excite.com

JULY

July 8-9, 2006 Woodstock, CT CVA's New England Show at the fairgrounds from 9am to 3pm. On Sunday, trophies will be awarded by people's choice in many different classes. Show and Swap-meet 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 email: vwbus@excite.com or Joe Hughes (203) 982-6257 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

****July 14-16 Townshend,VT -West River Westies** Bald Mountain Campground, same place with a new feature---"The LiMBO Regatta"---A Tube Race down the West River. So bring your old inner tubes,decorate them and costume yourself as the "Skipper". More details later this year. See the Events page on www.limbobus.org's forum For reservations call the campground direct. Bald Mountain Campground (802) 365-7510

AUGUST

August 6th-Windsor, ME - Vacationland VW annual Show. Windsor Fairgrounds. VW show and Swapmeet. Games for kids, Matchbox races, balloon toss and much more. Camping available on site the night before for a fee. INFO: Contact Dave Wallace @Adept Printing 1-800-310-1079

Aug 10-13 MT.Vernon, Ohio -Dixie Bus Gathering Camping at Rustic Knolls campground with other vw bus enthusiasts. Call 740-397-9318 or email: fbiffath@ohiomailing.com

Aug 11-13 Brooklin,Ontario- Buses Of The Corn 2006 BOTC is a family event for VW bus owners. Bring your vw bus. If you don't you'll have an "in-tents" experience. On the web: www.busesofthecorn.com or busesofthecorn@pottsfamily.ca

SEPTEMBER

September 8, 9, and 10- Somewhere in Maine, Buses By The Buoy. Details will be coming in mid March. Michael & Sheila King Email: vacvw@adelphia.net

Sept 15-17 Grand Rapids,MI -Buses By The Beach Fourth Annual Bus Boo! A halloween party and campout to benefit the burn survivors. In the Grand Rapids area. Last year was a blast. Web www.busesbythebeach.com Email Todd at 616-874-5536 eMail: todd.olson@charter.net

****Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Watkins Glen, New York Westies at Watkins Glen.** The fifth annual LiMBO family campout at Watkins Glen State Park. Discover the beauty of the Watkins Glen Gorge and beautiful surrounding Finger Lakes Region of New York. Activities for all, including hiking,caravaning, wine tasting, and campfire festivities. Optional activities include driving your VW Van on the racetrack of Watkins Glen Raceway. All vans welcomed, not just Westfalias, but they must have a VW emblem. For more details and information on the campout and race track event, contact Joel 585-377-4161 or email jcort@rochester.rr.com

OCTOBER

****October 1st Brookline, MA -The 21st annual Transporterfest/VW Day,** sponsored by LiMBO, NEATO and BSVWOC will take place on Sunday October 1 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Join us for a fun-filled day of Volkswagens, old and new, shiny and rusty, clean and oily, straight and dented (we like 'em all:). Last year we had 91 Volkswagens gather on the beautiful lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum for a day of relaxed bus-ness. \$10 show vehicle admission fee includes two Museum admissions and dash plaques to the first 100 participants. New parts vendor fee: \$25, used VW parts vendors: \$10. We have a huge raffle at the end of the day with lots of prizes for children and adults. We are planning to have an informal campout on Saturday night at Canoe River campground in Mansfield, MA (www.canoeiver.com). Please e-mail or call Stan if you want to camp. Show pre-registration is not necessary, just show up on the day of the show, rain or shine. For directions to the museum visit www.mot.org or call 617-522-6547. For more show info, e-mail stan.wohlfarth@bentleypublishers.com or call 508-651-3502, evenings 7 - 10 pm

October 15 Old Saybrook, CT- The CVA's 8th 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

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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 (203) 982-6257 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

October 15 Pomona, CA Pomona Swap Meet Large CA swap meet, find the parts you need for your VW! More information check the website at: <http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com>

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Welcome New Members!

by Steve Paine

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Peter & Laurie Grant, Portland, ME
Eric Hockman, Cresco, PA
Charles Johnson, Gales Ferry, CT
John Powers, Baden, PA
Sarah Rippere, Leominster, MA ('87 Vanagon Wolfsburg Ed.)
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AVAILABLE: 1974 VW Campmobile (full pop top) has rust, new carb, needs some love. Jamie Donaldson PHONE: 239-541-9907 (FL)



AVAILABLE: There is an 84 van at Pudgy's car lot in Worcester Ma on route 20. This is an area with a bunch of small lots on the east end of town. \$2995/ bo. 94k, runs great, 2 tone brown. I am passing this on for info only, I know nothing

about it except what is written on the windshield. I could check it out for an out of town. CONTACT: john jordan PHONE: 508-393-0663(MA)

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AVAILABLE: 1970 vw sunroof bug, solid, no floorpans, motor, or title. Bought to restore but to many other projects asking \$500. CONTACT: Brian PHONE: 919-274-2217 (NC)

AVAILABLE: I'm selling my 1971 VW Bus As an AS IS Must sell because I am a single women owning my own home and need to sell Sweet Pea due to finance hardship. AS Is because Sweet Pea has received damage to her back right corner panel. This Bus is up in running. I had done alot of work on my bus. New engine, She will start up and purr like a kitten. New exhaust, new clutch assembly, 4 new tires, heater boxes, new white headliner, 2 new front seats upholstered. This bus is in good operational condition but has right back corner panel damage. The motor was not effected by the damage. I am selling my bus in an AS IS/MUST SELL SITUATION. I had many good years with this bus. If interested in this bus It would still be road worthy if someone could give her the TLC touch up repair see so needs. I have before and after pics and any questions anyone has please contact Jane. 609-466-7983 (NJ)



AVAILABLE: 1982 - Yellow and Cream - blown engine. Heater (glow plug what-cha-ma-call-it), Tranny and body OK but not great, Colorado Springs/Denver Area. Make Offer. Please! I have two Syncro's to feed. CONTACT: Eric Olson PHONE: 719-495-9037 (CO)

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SPECIALISTS

Attention LiMBO members:

Local reps are out there to gather articles and input from other club members in their area, organize local get-togethers, meets, caravans, and recruit new members from their part of the world. LiMBO is here to support them any way we can and there by strengthen the club. Remember this is your club too!!

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

-Tom Power

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In this new information age, as much as I hate to admit it, the paper newsletter is becoming more and more irrelevant all the time. I make it a point to try not to over lap info in the newsletter that has already been on the website, but more and more its becoming impossible. I've also noticed that Phil is getting some good stuff that I think should be printed in the newsletter as well.

Case in point. Last issue. The internet was all a-buzz over the last Brazilian bus rolling off the assembly line with an air-cooled engine. So I assembled some info from our site and a couple of others to print in the newsletter. The classifieds and event listings here in the newsletter come directly off the LiMBO website. Many of the submissions come to me via eMail. The internet has become a very important part of our society.

I think there are two things stopping us from going to a internet based club. First is money. It cost money for internet access. Plain and simple. The amount of webspace the LiMBO site uses cost extra above the standard access fee. Plus, it couldn't be done without hi-speed access. So that adds to the bottom line too.

If we go strictly internet based, where will the cash come from? This is what we are working on at this time. I can't see charging to stop by and access stuff off our website. On the web there is so much free info, much of it good, some bad, that I can't see someone willing to purchase what we have to offer. Unless we can offer something that there isn't anywhere else.

When I started the LiMBO website back in 1997, I thought of our internet presence as a pamphlet of sorts as to what we are and what we do. The internet has changed quite a bit since then. eCommerce is a billion dollar business now. I admit, I do a lot of shopping on the internet. I'm working, two jobs 6 days a week, I don't always have time to pick up a gift for a birthday or Christmas. I found this past Christmas, the internet was the only place to find some of those gifts I really wanted to give.

The other reason stopping us from going to a internet based club is, in my humble opinion, that perhaps not all of our faithful members have internet access. Maybe I'm wrong in thinking that. That's my thought process when I put the newsletter together each issue. I'm a bit old fashion thinking that way, but I try to make sure that every classified or event listing has a phone number attached so that those members without eMail can still contact the advertiser or event promoter.

Maybe we should take a poll. How many of you don't have internet access? Call me up if you don't have internet access or send me a note in the mail. I'll start keeping a list. My contact info is on page two. I think we here at LiMBO HQ will be surprised by how many of you still don't have internet access. The talk around here is that most of the LiMBO membership does have internet access. Its just many of you still preferred to get the newsletter in the mail to have something tangible in your hands.

By the same token, if you do have internet access, why not drop us a note and tell us. We can update the database with your eMail address. Send a note off to <editor@limbobus.org>.

Speaking of editors, anyone want to be one? I've been doing this for on and off about five years. I'm thinking that it's time for some new blood to take over, maybe give the newsletter a fresh look and some fresh ideas. If you think your up to the challenge of editing a newsletter six times a year, let me know. Can't be much of a challenge if I can do it. eMail me at <mrlimbo@LiMBObus.org> or call me 413-743-1814.

By the way, I'm looking for a decent rust free Eurovan to replace my rusty one. I'm not that worried about mechanical issues, I can fix just about any mechanical problem, I'm not good at bodywork. So if you know someone or you, yourself, are selling a MV poptop weekender for a reasonable price, let me know. My poor rust holes aren't getting any smaller.

Don't forget the deadline to get your TTT form in is coming fast . **April 15th is the day**, No later. So get it filled out now and send it in to Steve.

Until we meet next to the campfire, keep on busin' -Jim D.

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Midwest Scene

The Less-Than-Happy Transition

By Bill Dummitt

It's not spring yet, but it felt like it this morning as I walked outside into balmy temperatures for the first time in a while. I looked at my 69 single cab and my 87 westy and thought about how nice it would be to drive them on a day like this. Then it hit me that I hadn't so much as started the engine of either of them for weeks- actually for months.

They've become fair-weather vehicles. I no longer think of them as cars that I drive, as in when I need to actually get somewhere. They're hobby cars. Last time I drove one

over a hundred miles was Buses by the Arch back in early September. Now, I've had plenty of hobby cars over the years but it is hard to get used to thinking of my VWs as pure hobby cars, especially the camper. Heck, I've driven my 87 camper to at least 40 states, 49 states if you count up all the VW campers I've had in my life. But, as years went by and roadside repairs became more frequent, I found some-

thing newer for serious long cross-country trips and the VW camper is more often driven to Volkswagen events, short weekend campouts, and the odd trip around town. It's not like I didn't try to keep them in shape for daily driving. My camper, in particular, was maintained fanatically, with every suspect part replaced if I had any doubt about it at all. The trouble is, there was always something I hadn't thought of that decided to go at the wrong time.

I know there are plenty of buses and Vanagons out there that are driven daily, but I suspect I'm becoming as

much the rule as the exception. Maybe that's part of the reason for declining membership in LiMBO, as buses move more into the realm of an enthusiast's hobby car and less a mode of transportation. There is nothing really wrong with that- Corvettes, for example, are by and large hobby cars- I can't think of a single vette owner I know who doesn't use another type of car for basic transportation. But it seems a little sad for the ultimate utility vehicle to be used less often for utility and more as a curiosity. More and more I hear comments like, "you don't see many of these on the road any more."

The situation is made worse by VW's decision to

exit the van market altogether, at least for a while. We don't demote our old vans to second, third, and fourth cars in order to get a newer, better VW van or camper, but instead we have to get something altogether different. The last Vanagon was in 1991, fifteen years ago now, and the Eurovan was so poorly supported by VW that it never gained the kind of following that Vanagons and buses did. The big

automotive manufacturing news locally here in St. Louis is the deal VW is working with Daimler-Chrysler to build Chrysler vans at the local plant with a VW emblem on them. Somehow I don't think that is going to be the same. I really had high hopes for the concept van VW had at auto shows a few years ago, but apparently they just couldn't build that van for a price the public was willing to pay.

Still, that Vanagon camper in the driveway sure looks good with the new paint job it got last summer. Tomorrow, I'm driving it to work!



Bill's buses at a VW show last summer.

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