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John Hamill of John's Car corner cruising around in his 95 Mexican bus nicknamed the Chilli 2. Photo by John Hamill Graphic modifications by Phil Dlugolecki.

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Views through the Windshield

Hi Gang,

Welcome to another issue of *The Transporter*. The last one for 2006. What a year its been, hopefully 2007 will be just as good if not better.

It's the holiday season and, hopefully, you're getting this just in time to enjoy after your Thanksgiving feast. Just before you slip in to a 'turkeycoma' or get lost in football. If not, you can read it while you wait in line while doing your holiday shopping. =)

With Christmas just around the corner, our LiMBOmart shop keeper, Nevin Lescher has put some items from the store on sale. See whats on sale on the back page. Makes great Holiday gifts. (shameless plug)

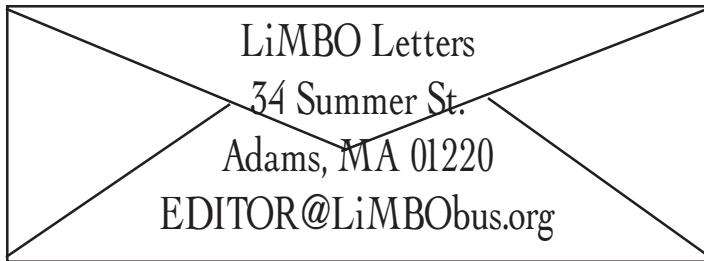
Just in time for winter camping, (yes, some people do some camping during the winter) Frank Condelli, has devised a new accessory for your Vanagon Westy. A nice insulation wrap. Check out page 11 for all the details.

The annual meeting is coming up on January 14th. It will be held at Dale Wards home in Shrewsbury, AKA the LiMBO clubhouse. It's open to all members and we encourage you to attend. This is the time when we elect officers, get a financial report and discuss the general direction we want to the club to take. We also have a limited amount of funds for sponsoring events this year, it's first come first serve. So if your planning an event and you would like some financial help from LiMBO, contact us or come to the meeting. For more info, contact Dale at 774-275-0218 (best weekdays after 9 PM till early AM) or 413-743-1814 eMail: <Limbobus2002@aol.com> or <mrlimbo@limbobus.org>

Recently, I picked up a three and half inch floppy drive for my Mac. You may be asking yourself, why do I care? When I took over as newsletter editor, Stan Wohlfarth gave me a box of floppy discs with past issues of the newsletter on them. So now I'm able to go back and take a look at all the old issues and reprint some of the articles that are still relevant. I have discs that date back to 1991. So far I've been able to read most of them, a few are damaged and for some reason a few of them my Mac won't read. Its been quiet a trip. Hopefully, I'll be able to run a regular column. Thank you Stan for keeping track of all those issues.

I'm calling the column, *Blast from the past: LiMBO's greatest hits*. In this issue, I've chosen a story we ran in 1995 from Bob Donalds about cam shafts. The prices quoted may have changed, but the info is just a valuable today as it was 11 years ago. Hopefully, you'll enjoy it.

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF VANAGON CHRISTMAS

Everybody, Sing Along:

1. On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
A badly leaking Westfalia.
2. On the second day of Christmas, my true gave to me
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
3. On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
6. On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
7. On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
8. On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Jim Digennaro's phone number
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.

LiMBO,

Have been a VW owner of various and sundry models since the 60s and spent several years in my '76 Westfalia while sorting out some matrimonial indiscretions (mine) and confronting the Colorado 14ers - both satisfactorily resolved happy to say.

But the reason for this note involves delivering my friend's '83 VW camper from Durango, Colorado to St. Pete, Florida. When in Lafayette, LA it suddenly began gasping, smoking, and pouring out life's blood (i.e. oil). I had it towed to VW Plus, 1326 General Mouton Avenue, Lafayette - a struggling shop run by Chris Manuel and his Mom. Can't say enough about their help, kindness and generosity. Please keep them in mind if you need help in Lafayette.

H. Boyd

P.S. Towed remains to Florida, engine buried in VW heaven to be exhumed (born again?) at D & A, Pinellas Park at owners request.




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Janet's Colville Late Summer Jaunt: The Plains, HiLo Country, and Volcanoes

My schedule this summer did not allow for much camping and autumn didn't look much better so I took the week of Sept. 18 off from my obligations and head south-east out of Denver to the Plains. I'd not been in this area of Colorado before and I wanted to see it for myself. Plus Captain Kirk, my trusty '88 Vanagon needed to stretch his axles.

After leaving Denver proper I got on CO83 to Franktown, then onto CO86 to Limon, hooking up with 40/287 down to 50 and over to John Martin State Park and La Junta. The trip through Elizabeth surprised me with rolling hills, pines and subdivisions but which opened onto the high plains prairie I was looking for by the time I hit Kiowa. Old farmhouses and open spaces gave my eyes the distance



Captain Kirk

they were yearning. A construction detour onto sandy CR129 to Matheson, a sleepy, rusty farming town worthy of a wildlife sanctuary took me then into Limon via CO24. The roads were pretty good though some of them showed signs of winter's cold winds, sand and salt besides snow plows removing stubborn ice. I was in cattle country with some farming thrown in for feed. The lay of the land is flat and vast with washes sculptured by water and wind, carpeted in grass and wildflowers.

My tour through Limon left little impression other than the American flags hanging from every vertical pole. While I didn't see a Walmart I did notice the empty store fronts and general run-down condition of the old town. But then I was to see that often. I stopped in Hugo at the Brass Hat Antique Store (some people stop at auto shops, I stop at antique shops) and had lunch at a "grandma" cafe. Not much to mention of Kit Carson or Eads or Wiley...dots on the map with few amenities but those still there catering to the locals. It was along this stretch that I first encountered

the yellow butterfly byway. I know Kirk collided with at least several hundred, my windshield a yellow gooey mess (not to mention the rest of the front of him). I was pleased with myself for taking a spray bottle of Windex along as the butterfly slaughter continued for many miles into La Junta.

At CO50 I turned west, then onto 194 to Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, a trading fort for the mountain route of the Santa Fe Trail along the Arkansas River. It has been reconstructed, outfitted with things of the times and well worth the side trip. Afterwards I drove around old La Junta then headed back on 50 for Hasty and John Martin Reservoir State Park, a park offering birding, fishing, bicycling, hiking and history, a good place for the club to come to in April or October for a weekend getaway before the cool mountains draw us up. Lots of trees shade the campsites and provide homes for lots of birds including a large flock of Turkey Buzzards. New Years Eve the park is opened (opened year round) to camping with the Bald Eagles and even provides prizes for those who make reservations.

The next day, after waking up to a gaggle of geese flying overhead, I headed into Lamar for a quick look around. I didn't try to search out any "new" growth, but toured the old streets and noticed the old buildings, many empty or for sale. Continuing south I stopped in Springfield (who knew there was a Springfield!!) Here was some life with a very nice antique mall and people talking about e-Bay! The Trails End provided a nice lunch before I continued down to Campo and into Oklahoma. The wind came up between Springfield and Campo but I stopped to take a picture of some hoodoos out in the middle of the prairie. My plan was to head for Black Mesa State Park, located in the panhandle, and spend a day hiking the mesa.

Well, we all know about plans! I stopped in Boise City, OK at the Cimarron Heritage Center Museum. A large, iron sculpture of an Apatosaurus outside a Frank Lloyd Wright want to be building caught my eye and I needed to know more. Dinosaur country, where many bones have been found, accounted for the sculpture. And the building was designed and built in 1949 by Bruce Goff, a student of Wright's, for Julius and Opal Cox. It's a striking cement, glass and steel building with accoutrements of the day. Over the years the heritage center has added more buildings and collections to the original property. The exhibits are fascinating collections of the early settlers, everything from farming and home equipment to early cars and tractors and everything in between.

It was here that the curator of the day mentioned that the people who usually were manning the museum were out at Black Mesa at a church camp cooking food for a stargazing party. Hmmm, I thought. I'd brought some stargazing equipment with me hoping to do just that at the park as



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this area is one of few in the country where the skies are clear of air and light pollution. I figured this was a reservation only party, so I blew it off. However, on my way to the state park, I missed the entrance (due to poor signage), passed the banners showing the way into the camp for the star party and went into the town of Kenton. I spoke with some men who invited me to the party for the night and as that was just up the road rather than several miles back, I said "why not!"

I never hiked Black Mesa, but I spent that afternoon and night chatting with people who had incredible telescopes and stories to tell. I came across 2 gents from Dallas with Eurovans. John Strukmeyer's 2001 red van was beautifully custom fitted to house his astronomy hobby and Kent Kirkley's white '97 Winnebago looked like it was just out of the showroom. Their refractor telescopes are their main passion, and they freely admit no one should be taken with it like they are. Looking at the stars that night through my own binoculars and everyone else's telescopes (up to 32") was a real treat for me, seeing 4 of Jupiter's moons, Andromeda galaxy, several globular and galactic clusters,

John Strukmeyer



shooting stars and many other astronomical phenomena. Since I kind of "crashed" this event I tried to keep a low profile and left early the next morning for my next adventure. But next year I think I'll sign up for the whole week and enjoy my interest with everyone else's passions.

Kent Kirkley



I took 406 west and south to Clayton, NM. Clayton is a railroad town catering to farmers and stockmen, founded in 1888 and became the country seat in 1893. This is HiLo country. The road in is up and down, twisty-turny and lonely. That's the one thing I can definitely say my reaction to this area was: Lonely. 3000 square miles and about 2500 people make up this part of New Mexico. Nothing grows high here unless it's a tree in a wash of water; most things grow low because the endless wind dries out the soil and clips everything in the bud. Clayton itself is a prairie town, larger than most I'd been through. Several older buildings are still in use as intended including the Eklund Hotel, a turn of the century beauty, and what was the general store and is now the hardware store across the street. The historic Methodist Episcopal Church is now the Herzstein Memorial Museum housing many artifacts from the homesteading years.

I spent the night at Clayton Lake State Park where dinosaur tracks are the main attraction, though the lake offered good fishing (I'm told) and boating. The tracks are protected by a boardwalk which keeps us folk off them, plus offers a better way to view them. Here again the sky was pretty dark except for a few lights around the park buildings. I star gazed for about an hour until the wind came up. The wind stayed the night through bringing rain and thunder storms with fireballs of lightning.

The morning dawned cold and drizzly and windy. I'm talking 50-75 mph winds, the kind that stretch the canvas on the pop-top so far out that it was almost impossible to close. I was barely able to close the top, but the canvas bulged out. I threw everything into the van and drove to the park buildings where I was able to get enough relief from the wind to re-close the top properly. I drove out of the park by 8AM...too early for me...and headed back to Clayton. I stopped to take a picture of a windmill and almost lost the door as the wind howled. I watched green tumbleweed get uprooted and roll across the road! That's windy! But of course I was in dust-bowl territory...

From Clayton I drove 64/87 to Capulin Volcano National Monument. The wind went unabated and all I could get Kirk to do was 40-45 with the pedal to the metal. Most of the way was construction with 45 as the speed limit, so I

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Midwest Scene



VWFEST 2006 by Jerry Spellman

It didn't rain! It was a cloudy, sunny, breezy summer's end day. It was supposed to rain but it didn't. On September 17th Northeast Illinois Volkswagen Association (NIVA) with Anderson Volkswagen of Crystal Lake Illinois put on VWFEST 2006. There were a variety of cars (VWs of course), a variety of colors (without a rainbow), a variety of parts and toys (old and new), a variety of swappers (new and (ahem) old), a variety of people (informed and informing), and a variety of fun (sharing and looking). The dealer and his people moved a huge number of cars to provide a spacious site for show and parts displays. NIVA and its people administered the collection of data, the counting of votes, and the preparation of trophies to provide a gracious atmosphere for spectators, swappers and show entrants.

The show was participant judged in 20 show classes with winners galore. The atmosphere was surrounded with music and occasional comments from the desk. A food van provided brats and dogs and drinks to many hungry palates. The day was spiked with VW trivia contest questions with awards to the knowledgeable.

All in all it seems everyone enjoyed being there, enjoyed the feasts for the eyes, and enjoyed catching up with one another. Way to go NIVA, thanks Anderson VW.

It rained on the way home! Support those local shows, far and near.



Blast from the past... *The Transporter's* Greatest Hits

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Gearhead's View of Type 2/Vanagon Camshaftery by Bob Donalds

Not everybody will find the subject of camshafts exciting. But if you're considering a redo or upgrade of your Type 2 engine, I can change the selection of a camshaft from chance to an informed choice.

The first item you want to consider for the rebuild or upgrade is the camshaft. Time takes its toll on your camshaft. It will need to be replaced or reground. Let me say, there is no such thing as a good used camshaft. I have a selection of used cams and only use those re-ground to hydraulic specifications in my rebuilds. An OEM camshaft should cost over \$250.00 and lifters go for \$30.00 each. Going to the dealer for these items is not for me though. So, what are the other choices? I prefer new cast iron aftermarket cams available from Web Cam.

Web Cam advertises in VW Trends and Hot VW's. They do not come with the drive gear installed but they have new gears for sale. I use gears from junk OEM cams and I think they are made from better material. These gears do require some modification to let the bolts clear the oil pump.

This gets confusing, doesn't it? But there is still more to it. There are two different kinds of lifters; OE-style (Original Equipment) and the Johnson lifter for aftermarket cast iron cam's. They cannot be interchanged, trust me. I have had to rebuild more than one engine before I figured this out.

I have seen solid lifter camshafts in hydraulic engines from Volkswagen. There are also two different lift camshafts in hydraulic engines. I've seen anywhere from 240 thousandths lift to 290 thousandths lift at the push rod. The stock Web Cam hydraulic cams come in at 270 thousandths lift, which is a good compromise.

So if you're thinking a big bump stick will give you more power, yes, it will once you get above 3000 RPM. There is no low end power left. This translates to no power in fourth gear below 50 m.p.h.. You cannot make the hills without down shifting. I get calls on this all the time. "What can I do to restore the low end power?" They ask. "Put the stock cam back in," I say. Web Cam will not sell you a performance cam for your van. It does not work.

Now, you may ask, what performance options are there on an engine in a late Bus or Vanagon? How do you increase the power throughout the power range? These are the real questions. We've covered the camshaft. You can't beat the stock fuel injection system even if you don't understand it. I don't know of any exhaust upgrades. The valve job is very important.

Let me back up a few steps. I replace valve seats on all type II/Vanagon heads. Then I cut in the new seat angles with carbide cutters. Notice, I said "angles". I start with a narrow 30° angle cut at the outer edge of the valve. Next is a 45° cut followed by 60° and 70° cuts to establish flow sooner, and increase the total breath the valve takes per opening. This multi-angle valve job is very effective at horsepower gains throughout a broader power range and does what a mild performance camshaft would like to do.

For those of you looking to rebuild a 1.9 Liter early water boxer motor, the camshaft profile and gear are equivalent to any four bolt, solid lifter, bug motor cam. The 2.1 Liter camshaft would be a good upgrade for the 1.9 Liter water boxer because it's more aggressive, with a higher lift that would increase power without losing driveability.

Web Cam is located at 1815 Massachusetts Ave., Riverside, CA 92057 (909)369-5144 (2006 update: www.webcamshafts.com -ed). I also use R&D Enterprises, PO Box 128, Northwood, NH 03261 at (603)942-8480 (2006 update: R&D is now called Cams Northeast located at 588 First Nh Tpke Northwood, NH 03261-ed) to regrind camshafts for me. Give me a call if you have any camshaft or motor rebuilding questions.

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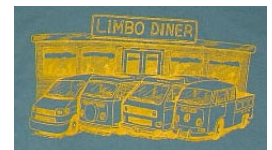
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Vanity Plates

By Fred Garnes
Detroit Lakes, MN

A few weeks ago the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper had an article on the 70,000 vanity plates issued in Minnesota. On Monday they had a story on an individual and why he obtained his vanity plate. They asked for other stories, so here is what I submitted to the "Strib" as it's known. I have no idea whether it'll get published, but here's how it came about

I've been a VW bus/van enthusiast since I bought my first one in 1969. In 1995 my wife Chris and I bought a 1985 VW Vanagon Westfalia camper that we still own. Since I'd previously purchased vanity plates for our 1965 VW bus, AIRCOOL (it has an aircooled engine), I thought I'd get vanity plates for the '85 also.

The first idea I came up with was POPTOP, since the camper has a roof that rises to allow not only more head room, but also provides an area for two people to sleep "up top", other than the normal two person bed that unfolds from a seat in the rear of the van. I applied to the state only to learn that POPTOP had been taken. Back to the drawing board. I then came up with VWHAUS, which was appropriate since VWs are of German manufacture and Haus is German for House, as a camper is a form of house on wheels. However I wasn't quite satisfied with that, so I began to fool around with letter combinations.

I should mention that because the camper had RV plates, I was limited to 6 digits instead of the normal 7. I came up with a list of letter and number combinations that I thought might suit the vehicle, but still I wasn't satisfied. With further letter play came up with VWOWV. This was something that was more of a well balanced visual design incorporating VW, (I'm a sign painter by occupation), and it was palindromic too: reads the same forwards and backwards. This really appealed to my sensibilities! I showed it to Chris and we both agreed that this was THE choice, and we bet that no one else in the state had that plate. I went to the local DMV and filled out the paper work and, of course, got the plate.

I want to point out that we both came of age during the 1960s. What Chris and I failed to see in the plate initially, was the fact that WOW (a phrase used often in the late 60s) was surrounded by two peace signs, the Vs! How subliminal was this choosing? We'll never know.



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by Steve Paine

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

January 2007!

****January 13th-14th Sat-Sun Shrewsbury, MA- 1st Annual Informal LiMBO Rusty Buses in the Snow campout. Yes, campout.** A little informal campout in the back field at Dale Ward's family estate across from Ski Ward Ski hill in Shrewsbury, MA. Held in conjunction to the annual meeting on Sunday. Show your stuff and campout in your bus, come for both nights or just one. We're working on a deal for discount Ski Passes from Ski Ward on Saturday, so bring your skis and have fun on the hill. They also have tubing, for those who cannot ski. All sorts of things happening this weekend at Ski Ward as well. Its going to be pretty informal, we're still figuring it all out. Perhaps a pot luck on Saturday, bring firewood for sure. Looks to be loads of fun in the snow. Event canceled if there is a Blizzard.. Contact Dale 774-275-0218 eMail: <Limbobus2002@aol.com> OR Jim 413-743-1814 eMail: <mrlimbo@limbobus.org>

****Sunday January 14th, Shrewsbury, MA -LiMBO Annual meeting.** 9 AM to about 3 PM. LiMBO clubhouse (Dale Wards house) 9 Golden Hill Ave., Shrewsbury, MA. This is the annual meeting, where LiMBO officers and members meet to set the course of the club for the coming year. Set events and funding for such, check finances, get reports on LiMBO activities from the past year, I.E.: Internet, newsletter and promotional sales. Elect new officers, look for new volunteers and generally discuss the condition of the club. This is your club, get involved. If you cannot make it, drop us a line with your comments, concerns or questions. If your planning an event next year and would like financial help from LiMBO, this is the time to do it. There is limited funds for show sponsorships, so first come first served. Info: 413-743-1814. 774-275-0218 eMail <mrlimbo@limbobus.org> or Dale Ward <Limbobus2002@aol.com>

April

****April 29th (Sun) Westerly, RI Transporter rights of Spring.** It will be held at Misquamicut Beach, Westerly, RI. More details will follow. Contact Tom & Linda <volkswagenri@cox.net> or 413-743-1814.

June

****June 07-10th Mississippi Mills, Almonte Ward, ON Canada Busfusion 2007.** 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. 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

July

****July 13th-15th Fri-Sun Townsend, VT- West River Westies IV.** From Promoter Nevin Lescher: "Pending something unforeseen, West River Westies IV will take place on July 13, 14 & 15th, 2007 at the the Bald Mountain Campground, Townshend, VT. If the West River flow is up again like it was this year, there will be lots of water for Xtreme Tubing. Also an expanded VW Bus & Van Model Exhibition and Contest for children of all ages and something new----The Volkswagen Train More details will be forthcoming in April 2007 on the LiMBO Regatta, Potluck Supper and a new and different style of raffle to benefit the Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT."

****LiMBO sponsored event.**

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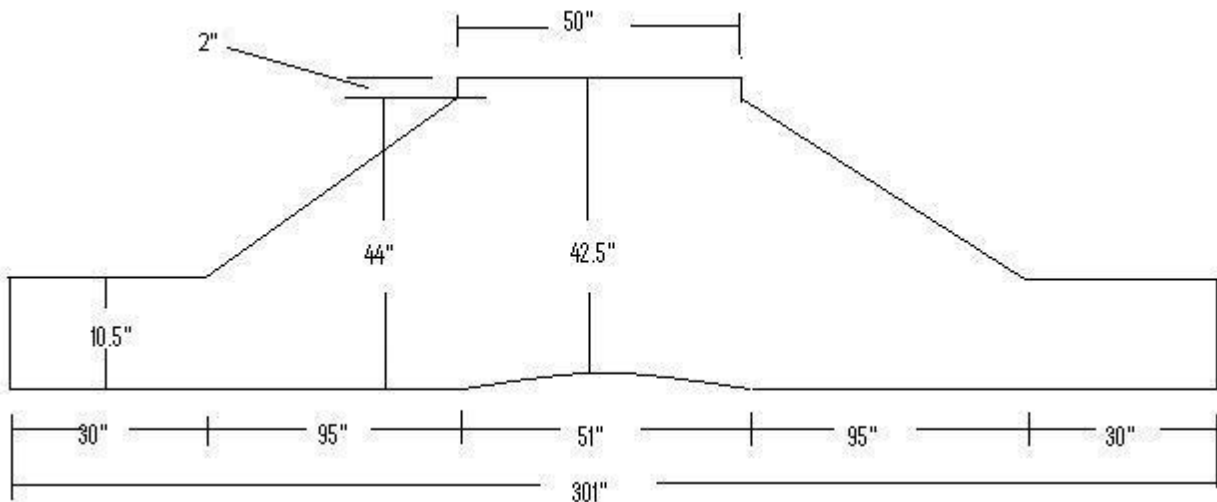
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Vanagon Westy Pop-Top Insulating Cover

By Frank Condelli

VW Vanagon Westfalia pop-top outside insulation cover. Made from double bubble silver outside, white inside or silver both sides, 48" wide home insulation wrap. Cover with nylon both sides sewing edges is advisable to increase ridgeity and durability. Joint at the back has ample overlap and may be shortened to suit. Joint is made using Velcro. Attachment to front top of pop-top made using four snaps or Velcro in the 1.5" X 50" section.



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didn't impede traffic as much as I could have! I toured the visitor center and drove to the parking lot up the mountain but couldn't hike around the rim as the wind was way too stiff for me. Then I headed to Folsom, (home of Folsom point arrow heads and Indian and other prehistoric stuff) hoping that the museum would be opened but it was not. I missed the falls, again no signage, and ended up heading north out of town on NM551 connecting to CO 389 at the state line and on into Branson. This stretch of road, Toll Gate Canyon, was the most beautiful I traveled on this trip. At 160 I looked east to La Junta and cloud stormy skies and more wind, then west to Trinidad to sunny skies. I chose Trinidad, thinking that I'd go over 160 to Alamosa and up to Mineral Hot Springs for the night.

But then plans do change. The snow on Spanish Peaks and the forecast of cold wet weather that night and the next day made me decide to just go home. An easy drive up I25, with construction slow down in Colorado Springs, brought me home by early evening. While I would have liked to have been out a few more days, I had such a good time enjoying country I'd not seen before and meeting people who shared their love of the land as well as their hobbies that it's okay to change plans once again.

"Janet Colville" <scolville@comcast.net>



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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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LiMBO Classifieds

c/o: Amy Monk

3 Oak Street

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Submit ads Via the Internet:

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AVAILABLE: 1978 Westfalia Rebuilt engine w/ 73,000 miles. Single Weber Carb. Good Overall Condition. Minor Rust. Needs good home. Must sell \$4,000 OBO. We also have dual carb system and header muffler. The bus is in Sarasota, Florida! Carol:

941-924-9211 eMail: carolcald101@verizon.net (FL)

AVAILABLE: 1981(cal.model) westy camper parts to many to list. Have in dash A.C unit,german propane tank,air cooled engines parts(short,long cases)parting out full camper int. new extractor/muffler(anse)for 81L never used. Jonathan cote 401 333-1588 (RI)

AVAILABLE: 1986 brown weekender w/poptop and skylight. Van has not been started in two years. 2 new batteries. Needs fuel pump (have spare). Has 4 very, very, very nice 14 inch OEM alloy wheels with new load C tires. Included in pile complete new exhaust system. Seats are newer style. This is a project van in its present state. If and when it does not sell I will complete the repairs and in the future sell it as a running van at a higher price. Selling van to help pay for a reman BMW motor. \$2000 CASH FIRM!!!!!!!!!! You must come and see it. Please do not call if you live very far away. Located near Northampton Mass. Call cell 413 563 1829 (MA)

AVAILABLE: DELUX SIDE TENT Adria III German made side tent, complete with assessories. Attaches to EuroVan slider, Easy to set up. Purchased 6/06 for \$450. Still in box. Sell for \$300. Cecil ursprung 860-676-7101

AVAILABLE: REMAN SYNCRO MAIN DRIVESHAFT Fresh unused reman driveshaft for syncro. This is the 4 foot long front to rear expensive shaft. Was remaned correctly. Have stored for 4 years. \$400 Cash ONLY! Will ship at extra cost. 413-563-1828 (MA)

AVAILABLE: 1.6 lt VW Diesel motor removed from a Rabbit pick up. Runs very well. Will bolt into Vanagon diesel. I have installed a Rabbit motor in my 83 5 speed diesel Vanagon. This was my spare diesel motor untill I found a 93 Canadian 1.9 lt. turbo diesel non TDI motor. I will not ship this motor!!!!!! You must come and get it. Call cell ONLY! 413-563-1829 \$600 CASH ONLY! (MA)

AVAILABLE: 4 spd. Std, am/fm/cd nice sound.White over blue,my daily driver through 3 NH winters.181K on clock,45-50K on Boston Bob rebuild. Runs well. Few surface blemishes in seams. Frame solid. New tires, snows in rear. New muffler.Carry 7 friends to the mountains plus all your stuff. Has table mounted behind driver like a westy.Have an indoor picnic. \$2000.00 Plymouth, NH area. Ray 603-536-7710 (NH)

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AVAILABLE: 2.1 WATERBOXER CORES 2 2.1 cores (US Only Please) asking \$200.00 each 1 for std trans complete with heads(aprox)105K mile 1 head replaced at 95K. 1 for auto trans no heads approx 100K+ both blocks look sound for rebuild, Have been in clean dry storage. located in Panama City,Florida Bernie Campoli (850)234-8202 (FL)

AVAILABLE: 2.0 AIR COOLED CORE AND TIN I did a subie conversion on my '82 westie. The old engine needs a rebuild, but it's all there including the tin which has a cut out for an AC compressor. Asking \$200 + shipping. Get this out of my garage!! Ryan Miller 801-661-1947

AVAILABLE: 81 air cooled parts....good set of stl? steel? heater boxes...skid plate?(under carriage) metal cover.....may have access to older air cooled parts soon.... jonathan cote 401 3331588 (RI)

AVAILABLE: Back Yard Sale of Buses and/or Parts. 10 to choose from - '67-up - mostly rusted out, one camper, stop by and look. Whitney, German Automotive, Hwy 25, Fletcher, NC. germanau@bellsouth.net - no phone calls, please. (NC)

WANTED: need to find carburator intake gasket for 1.9L vanagon engine,yes vanagon! this bus is right from germany! anyone who has any info please call me. 401 333-1588 jonathan cote (RI)

WANTED: AWNING Looking for an awning for vanagon. Fiamma,Trans-Awn, etc. call early eve or weekends. John 508-393-0663 (MA)

Submit your classifieds on line @
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Classifieds are free to Members!!

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9. On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Nine tubes of JB
Jim Digennaro's phone number
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
10. On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Ten more beers
Nine tubes of JB
Jim Digennaro's phone number
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Eleven skylight parts
Ten more beers
Nine tubes of JB
Jim Digennaro's phone number
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
and a badly leaking Westfalia.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Twelve different metric bolts
Eleven skylight parts
Ten more beers
Nine tubes of JB
Jim Digennaro's phone number
Seven different gaskets
Six coolant hoses
FIVE DAYS TO FIX IT
Four Platinum Bosch plugs
A three window canvas
Two used heads
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Wetwesties "The Pacific Northwest Camping Society"

Lyrics adapted by Nevin Lescher for LiMBO Dec 2003
The Late Model Bus Owners, international

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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I've been editor here for quite a few years now and I'm thinking that maybe its time for some fresh blood to take over. So I'm putting out the call for a newsletter editor. You don't have to be a computer genius or have a background in publishing to do this job. God knows I don't have either. If you can type and run a computer, we want to talk to you. We're mostly concerned with getting it done in a timely manner. Spelling and grammar will come with experience. Lord knows, I'm still making mistakes. But I get it done on time. If you think you can make a commitment to publish the newsletter six times a year, we want to talk to you. Contact me: 413-743-1814 or eMail: <editor@LiMBObus.org>

Something happened to me recently and I thought it is important to share with everyone so that you can be on guard.

For a while now, I've been casually looking for a new Eurovan. The old Turtlevan is closing in on 200K miles and I've had the rust repaired twice now with no signs of it slowing down. So, I've been looking in the usual places, LiMBO, other VW newsletters, The Samba, eBay, and used car sites.

Recently, I found a deal that was to good to be true. I was on eBay and there was a 2001 Eurovan MV weekender listed. It was silver, alloy wheels, loaded 50K miles with extra installed by the owner. The listing said he only wanted 4000 dollars but he didn't have a 'Buy it now' button. Now, a low price for something like that wouldn't be unusual if it had a bad engine, transmission or something major like that.

I kept reading the description looking for the answer to the question- why was it so cheap? Nothing, everything was perfect ready to roll. Now my spider sense is going off. This can't be right. It had Texas plates on it, so maybe it was flooded in the hurricanes. Nope, nothing. There were a couple of other bidders already. So I figured why not, lets bid. If its for real, what a deal I'm getting. Shortly after I bid, I got a notice from Ebay that my bid was cancelled contact the seller.

This is where it gets interesting. I contacted the seller and he says he's out of the country, getting married over in Germany, I think, and is selling everything here in the states. He cancelled the bids because he really only wanted 4000 dollars because he wanted to make a quick sale AND he is going to pay shipping to my place. What a deal, I'd be a fool not to buy. What's more suspicious is even though the van had Texas plates, it's in South Carolina and I can't come and look at it.

This is where I stopped. Ding Ding, bells are going off, Scammer, Scammer, step away from the computer. As the saying goes,

if its too good to be true, it probably is. I put a message on a couple of the mailing lists I'm on, plus contacted some friends and told them what was happening.

Everyone agreed that this was a scam. If I couldn't look at it first, it must be a scam. Fellow member Dan Winget contacted me and told me he was looking at the exact same van. He contacted eBay and they told him that the sellers ID had been Highjacked and that the auction was a scam.

The scam goes basically like this, you send the 'seller' the money and you wait. There is some communication that the van is on it way or something like that. Weeks go by, no van and the contact info you have is now dead so you can't track them. You're out the money and no van.

I knew after reading the description that it was a scam and I should have backed away then, but that carrot was too good to pass up. I didn't lose any money or anything, I stopped communicating with the 'seller' and forgot about the whole thing.

There is another scam out there I've heard about that works slightly different. You're selling a car on the internet, someone from out of the country contacts you and says he'll pay your price. He's going to send you a check but for some reason the check is made out more than your asking price. He asks you to cash the check, and send him back the balance. Then the check bounces and you're out the cash. The only positive in that is usually you still have the car.

The point of my story is there are a lot of scammers out there and some of them are not as obvious. So be careful when buying something over the net. This little experience hasn't put me off buying stuff off eBay or places like that, but I'm on my guard a little more now. I'm keeping my search radius down to a two day drive so I can look at this and make sure its real before I commit to buy. Or I'm asking members in the area to take a look at it for me and see if its legit.

By the way, I should be getting my portion of 25 million dollars of poor dead Mutumba's money from Nigeria any day. I understand that Dale Ward was fortunate enough to have the same thing happen to him. Must be a lot of rich dead people in Nigeria.

We're going to pool our money and build a new 40 story LiMBO headquarters with a fully staffed service repair and restoration shop on duty and garage space for all of us. All members get to use the place for FREE! Sweet.

Have a great Holiday season and well see you back here in 2007. Keep on Busin- Jim D.

Available or Wanted submission:

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

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