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VIEWS THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

Hello All,

*I hope you enjoy this issue of the Transporter. As your new editor, I have a lot of ideas that I plan to (over time) share with you. I hope to get feedback from you see if the direction of this newsletter is in line with what you want to see and read. I also want to encourage you to write an article or provide a submission that I can include in future editions. There are many areas of the newsletter that need your input. I want this to be **your** newsletter, not mine.*



So why did I decide to take over this endeavor? Well, I've been newsletter editor before, both for a local Long Island VW club as well as a local health club. I was also yearbook advisor for a few years at the high school that I work at. As a math teacher, it is fun to have an outlet to be creative. I am hoping that this newsletter allows me to be creative as well as provide myself yet another way to enjoy my passion of VW's and camping.

My Volkswagen passion (addiction?) is shared by my husband Brad, who like myself, was brought home from the hospital in a VW Beetle in the mid 60's. We each grew up in a parallel universe (well the next town over) with a VW always there in our parents' driveway.

Fast forward to 1994 after Brad and I bought our first house Brad decided we need our own VW Beetle. Herbie a '64 joined the family (Herbie gets stickers only a few years back when Fully Loaded was released). At first Brad began attending local VW events which were mostly male dominated. It was not until we added a Vanagon to the family, that I got involved in clubs, events and shows. Campers and Buses brought a more diverse crowd to mingle and socialize with.



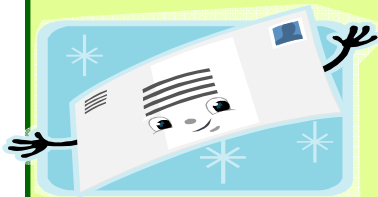
Brad and I are now on our second Westy, "The Blue Max". My daily driver is "Polly" an '01 Isotope Green (limited edition) New Beetle. Our last VW acquisition was in Fall of 2006 when "Phyllis" a '66 Single Cab found us. She was sitting for years in the garage of the original owner out on the east end of Long Island.

I'd love to write forever about my VW's but will have to wait until future issues, obviously due to space. In close, please enjoy this issue and let me hear from you with constructive feedback. Until next time.

*Happy Trails,
Andrea*



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Members,

With winter in full swing, Paul Abdis from Huntington Station, NY. sent in this original poem to share. The Abdis family drives their Bay Window Bus "John Deere" as a daily driver.

Andrea

Winter in a VW Bus

By: Paul Abdis

Not a month before Christmas
and all cross the land,
bus owners are driving
with ice scrapers in hand.

They're scraping without
and they're scraping within,
to see where they're going
and where they've just been.

With a little warm air
that passes for heat,
we lose feeling in our fingers
our ears and our feet

So we put on our hats
our gloves and more sox,
endure the cold weather
in our German icebox.

Winter is long
and it's cold and it's dark,
but these buses we drive
have a place in our heart

Without a complaint
or hardly a care,
we wait for warm weather
summer to bear.

THE SWAP AREA

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Van and Driver

Split Personality

By: John Reynolds

Thanks to Stan Wohlfarth, aka Stanagon, I finally got to drive a real split window microbus. I know this club is about Late Model Transporters; Bays, Vanagons and Eurovans. As much as some Splittie drivers like to distance themselves from Bays, Bay drivers from Vanagon and Vanagon drivers from Eurovans, all these vans are intertwined more than some of the fans of certain years would care to admit. Many LiMBO members started with a split window bus, others acquired them after owning a bay or Vanagon and some re-acquired a split screen. Why our own president, Jim D has a Eurovan and a Splittie - and he's looking for Vanagon (1st you have to admit you have a problem).

Anyways - back to the drive. I wanted to drive one of these for quite some time. Like some Vanagon owners, we fantasize about owning a Splittie, but might have ruled it out as not wanting an "ice cream" car after hearing about terror stories of driving Splitties and Bay Window vans in cross winds. Heck, a Splittie looks great "but it must be a relic to Drive! The split personality of many classic cars - totally pleasant to look at but frightening to drive.

This belief had been reinforced to me after driving a friend's real nice looking 74 Ford Econoline window van. It had super play in the recirculating ball resulting in wandering. More so, the sick feeling in my stomach as I pulled into a parking lot, that despite planning ahead, thinking I was about to run this snub nose Ford into the cinder block wall of a New Hampshire general market. I pressed the brake pedal with all my might to get those 4



drum brakes to stop before I re-defined the meaning of a "grab and go" convenience store.

So with some trepidation, I accepted Stan's offer to drive his microbus, especially since it looks intentionally like it was just rolled out of some old barn -but only after living few years in a field. We'll come back to the van in a moment. The van is a 1961 Standard, 11 windows, in a time warp color referred to as Mango.



The first thing I noticed as I entered the van was that it was fairly difficult to contort my 6'2" frame, well legs at least, around a steering column that seem to jut straight out of the floor. It reminded me of one of those brass steering stations on an old boat in a movie, when one slides the lever from forward to reverse.

Once in place, the back of the seat and windshield seemed to parallel the slight angle of the steering column, like everything was listing to aft by 10-15 degrees.

The second thing I noticed was just how small this van was. This makes people look out of scale - Stan rode shotgun and when I looked over it appeared that I needed to drive 10 miles south to Gillette Stadium to drop off this Patriots football player who appeared next to me. Hey Laurence Maroney, I got your guard right here!

With a turn of the ancient ignition switch, mounted in the metal dash, the engine fired to life with no problems, despite this cold New England winter day. Hmm.. quiet, didn't expect that. I worked it out of the parallel parking space, a little nervous that I might damage something. Once moving, I was quite surprised on how together this 46 year old T1 drove. The engine was pretty quiet, the handling was pretty damn good; it drove miles better than the 74 Ford. True, this van also has 4 wheel drum brakes, which I swore I would never drive again, but it wasn't too bad. Still, if there was a way to put disks in the front, that would be

worthwhile, especially considering that one can see the back of the headlight buckets from inside the car.

While a Splittie won't out accelerate even your old aunt in a Dodge Dart, it did accelerate better than I expected - livable. Of course, I did not go up any real hills.

I drove around a bit in the rural neighborhood, trying not to get lost in the twisty maze, else I might freeze before they sent out a search party. The lack of heat is one area where the Splittie met my exact expectations!

We returned back to John Jordan's house and looked over this "beauty". Rather than restoration, the van is in preservation mode. Stan has maintained its "out of barn" or field image complete with a rust patina over the roof, a full rack and even real bullet holes! The rear bumper appears to have been painted with a brush. The front bumper is a homemade affair. This van has character. It looks its age; maintaining the character is so lost with the need to restore a vehicle to better than show room condition. Don't get me wrong, each has its place, but there is something so authentic about a 46 year old vehicle that looks like it is 46 years old.

Open the engine compartment and here's a study in contrast. A gleaming type I motor in a freshly painted metal compartment while looking through a old chipped and dented engine lid. You just gotta love it. It's like Stan is saying, "See I can make this thing real nice if I want to, I just don't have to!" So lets call this van mechanically restored but not let on that it's running on what might be the original shocks. There's no bling on this van, (except maybe the color matched bra on the front that I can't quite explain, nor did I ask Stan to) but the Volkswagen bus fan will surely covet the full length rack.



Stan and daughter Madelyn

There was only one real serious problem with this this van and test drive- I now want one with that roof rack to haul my kayaks to the ocean. Yep, I think my new bright yellow fancy fiberglass sea kayak on top of that vintage rack on top of the rust patina of the roof might be just as attention grabbing as flawlessly restored 23 window van. But at the end of the day, after I throw my kayak on top, I can throw my paddle and other wet gear inside and go get an ice cream.

Van and Driver is a new column where members are encouraged to "bug" their friends to test drive their VW Splitties, Bays, Vanagons and Eurovans. Maybe you've test driven a Rialta, Westfalia Sprinter or some other VW not mentioned here. Share your test drive story with us. Stories should be e-mailed to Andrea at editor@limbobus.org. Please attach a photo of the vehicle too.

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"Mango" now patiently sits and waits for spring to arrive.

VOLKSWAGEN ROUTAN REVIEWS

In our last issue, we shared the announcement from the Chicago Auto Show of the new Routan that will be produced for the US market. So what do you think of it? Some members share their points of view.

Boys and Girls, This van looks like the Toyota, Honda, and Chrysler. Soccer Moms control the market in vans and it looks like they will buy this one and help sales for VW. [Give 'em what they want] Hey, I was born when the first minivan came out.

**Yours Truly,
Jersey Jon**



It looks like everything else (except for the VW logo). Way back when I needed a soccer mom van, I bought the Westy. I do like the beach scene in the background, however.

Connor's opinion is that it looks like a mini-van. Kerri thinks that it is ugly.

Hilton Family
Guilford, Ct

Do they think they are going to cut into the minivan market with a vehicle that looks like every other one? I can't imagine that working but best of luck to them.

OK, any guesses on who pulls into the first campout with one?

Tony

I was disappointed to see it so closely resembling the Chrysler Minivan. I was under the impression this was going to be a VW designed, Chrysler built van with a Chrysler drive train. According to the press release, it's all Chrysler with the exception of the nose, trunk and stiffer 'European' ride springs. It's basically a Grand Caravan without the 'stow and go' seats. Might as well just stick with the Caravan. It will have a better warranty that way.
Jim D.
Adams, MA



It is a VW only by name and badge. It will never be a true VW unless it was built by VW. Original VWs have a mystique and character all there own. The new Routan will never have that.

John
Gardner, MA



I like the looks of the outside. Kinda makes me almost think of a Honda or Toyota van. Just hope that they can make a better van for VW than they do their own??? With any luck, they can come up with a pop top version.

Kevin
Gardner, MA

Looks just like my 2005 Dodge Caravan and not much different from the 2008 DGC. Same engines, mixed up interiors. Will need a brake job at 20k and sway bar bushings at 30k, otherwise keep the oil changed and rotate tires. She'll go forever just like a Vanagon! That is provided you don't take it to a VW Dealer for service.

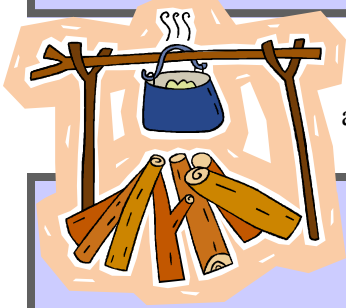
Red Baron

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I think that Volkswagen made the right choice by teaming up with Chrysler, but they chose the wrong van. They should have made a version of the Sprinter instead of the Caravan. I am glad to see VW with a modern van. It looks sporty and hopefully will sell better than Chrysler's Caravan and bring new people into the VW scene. If only they made a panel van or a camper version!

Brad
Patchogue, NY

COOKIN' OVER THE CAMPFIRE



A new column that lets you share your favorite, "simple and easy" campfire recipe. Submit yours to Andrea at: editor@limbus.org. Include a few sentences about you, your bus/van and the story behind the recipe. Was it your mom's? Did you invent this recipe or "steal" it from somewhere?

HOT DOGS AND PEPPERS *for a crowd or a pot luck supper.*

What you will need:

3 lbs of hot dogs
6 green or red bell peppers
2 big onions
4 cloves of garlic
28 oz can of crushed tomatoes
2 tbs basil
1 tbs oregano
Salt and pepper.

Now the first thing you do is crack a beer.

Chop the hot dogs in to 1 inch pieces and chop the garlic. Slice the onions into half slices and slice the peppers into strips.

Ok now get a 14 inch fry pan or 5qt Dutch oven and get it hot.

Now pour your self a shot of tequila (preferably Patron) and crack another beer.

Now throw the dogs in the pan and let sizzle while you down the shot of tequila. Stir a little and put the onions and peppers in and season with salt and pepper (to taste).

Now finish the beer.
Stir the pan and put the garlic in.

Ok, that done have another shot of tequila and oh yeah, stir the pan up before it burns. When the peppers and onions look like there done, throw the 28 oz can of tomatoes in with the basil and oregano and a little more salt and pepper. Now turn the heat down to simmer and mix a cocktail of choice and enjoy happy hour while the hot dogs finish cooking.

Oh yeah... stir every now and then so they don't burn.

The longer they simmer the better, and you get to have another cocktail or two.

*An original recipe from the
The Flaming Con Kid of
the Hole in the Woods
Gang.*

Let's Go Camping!



Rich Macensky;
The Flaming Con Kid

*Editor's note: Steps in the recipe involving consumption of adult beverages are strictly optional.
LiMBO reminds you to cook responsibly!*

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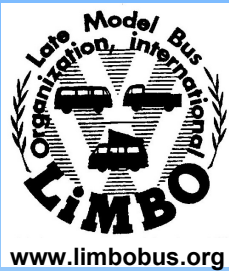
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The LiMBO Polar Pal

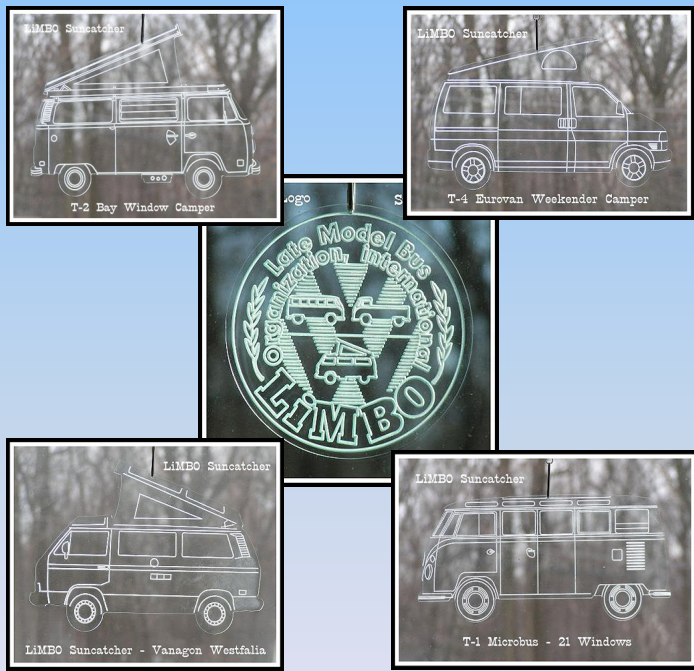
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LiMBO has acquired the complete repair and part number manual for the Dometic Westfalia Refrigerator; 26 pages; photocopied and spiral bound. This 'unofficial' VW dealer version covers lighting propane, operation, service and troubleshooting with fully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

Eurovan Winnebago Repair Manual

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COMING EVENTS

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

Coming Events, c/o Linda Manion
286 Fourth Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

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

Due to the extensive listing so far this year, some postings have been edited from their full content provided on LiMBO's website. Please visit the website for further details on each event.

**** LiMBO sponsored events**

April 2008

April 17-20 (Thurs-Sun) Pleasant Garden, NC - **Everybus 2008**- held at Hagan-Stone Park located approximately 10 miles south of Greensboro, NC. Park website: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/Parks/facilities/reservations/hagan.htm> The fee for EB will be \$15 per night per bus. There will not be an additional activity fee this year. There is NO preregistration for EB. Please do not call the park and ask them about it. There are about forty sites in the C-loop with hookups and folks usually share. There is however room for 175 to 200 buses. Plan to arrive early if you must have hook ups. When you arrive at EB and get your bus parked please come to the registration table to sign in, pay fees, and receive your EB Camping Permit. **All pets must be on a leash and the other end of the leash secured to the owner. Pet owners must clean up after their animals.** Please contact event organizer, who can be reached by email at everybus@mindspring.com For more information, go to the website: <http://www.mindspring.com/~everybus/>

**April 20, 2007 (Sunday) Westerly, RI Transporter Rites of Spring. It will be held at Misquamicut State Beach, 257 Atlantic Avenue, Westerly, RI. We'll be gathering from 10 AM to 3 PM. It's basically a highway drive all the way to the beach! Come blow the cobwebs out of the old bus and meet with old and new friends. The surfing is great, but there's no lifeguard on duty and wetsuits are a necessity! Bring a picnic lunch. All VW lovers are welcome! For directions, go to <http://www.misquamicutbeach.info/directions.htm> or contact Tom & Linda: 401-762-2448 or volkswagenri@cox.net IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED!! If the weather is "iffy", please feel free to contact Tom & Linda on 4/19 to make sure we plan to be there. If you are looking for a nearby camping spot, try Burlingame State Campground, Charlestown, RI 02813. Phone numbers:

401 322-7337 or 401 322-7994. The website is: <http://www.riparks.com/burlgmcamp.htm> You can make a reservation online, and the cost is about \$14 a night.

April 27 (Sunday) Mansfield, CT - **The CVA's Annual Spring Dust-off** held at Mansfield Hollow State Park from 9am to 3pm, rain or shine. This is an informal, non-judged car show. Dash Plaques to the first 200 cars. Last year we had almost 250 cars, so arrive early. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the cars and your fellow VW comrades! Info: Jeremy (860) 539-9704 or Joe (203) 982-6257.

May 2008

May 1-4 (Thurs-Sun) Beavertown, PA - **Granny Grose's Buses IV** Beavertown is 24 miles north of Lewistown and 18 miles south of Selinsgrove. Grose's Campground is located 2 miles off Route 522 on Quarry Road. Campground facilities: bathhouse with free showers, playground, pavilion, game room, camp store, hiking, and biking. There will be two areas of camping. single sites and general camping. Single sites have water and electric hook-ups, as well as fire pits. They are located about 200 years from the general camping area. The general camping area is "hippie" style camping where the buses are packed in. Electricity will be available for some buses on a first come, first served basis. This year's activities include mountain pies and music by the fire (so bring your musical instruments), bocce ball, kid's activities, Saturday potluck breakfast, 50/50 drawing, door prizes. For detailed info visit: <http://www.grannygrosebuses.com/> This great event is organized by Justin of the Full Moon Bus Club: (814) 931-8538 or steelersbus36@atlanticbb.net

May 4 (Sun) Vallejo, CA. - **Nor-Cal Bus Fest II** at the Solano County Fairgrounds. This display and swap event is open to ALL Volkswagen buses and trucks, regardless of year, model or condition. The inaugural event in 2007 featured 147 buses and trucks, from daily drivers to full restorations. General admission is only \$10 per adult which includes entry, space to display or sell your Type II and/or swap parts. For details and photos of the 2007 event, please visit www.busfest.net.

May 18 (Sunday) - **Folding Party, 10 AM, at the home of the President of LiMBO Nation, Jim DiGennaro, 34 Summer St in Adams, MA. If you need directions contact Jim at mrlimbo@limbobus.org or 413-743-1814

May 23-26 (Fri-Sun) Branchville, NJ - **Westies In the Woods at Stokes State Forest. <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/stokes.html> This is a VW Family Campout sponsored by The Bus Guild and the N.J Chapter of LiMBO. Group campsites A & C have been reserved. These sites do not have hook-ups, but there are bathrooms and hot showers. Camping costs about \$1 per night. **THIS IS A 'NO PETS' EVENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.** This has caused problems in the past. Saturday night potluck turkey roast, Sunday morning caravan to scenic hiking spot and on to Stewart's Root Beer/Dairy Queen, campfire activities, mountain biking, kite flying and other outdoor activities. **WE NEED FIREWOOD** to cook the turkeys. Only natural firewood or clean (non-painted) non-pressure-treated lumber

can be burned. If you have any available, please bring as much as you can along. Contact person is Tim: tim.demarest@pobox.com or 973-656-1473. Check out post on *LiMBO's website for directions to park.*

June 2008

June 6-8 (Fri-Sun) Natural Bridge Station, VA - **Natural Bridge Campout** at Jellystone Campground. Rates in the group campsite (no hook-ups) are about \$9 per person, Thursday through Sunday, and no reservations are needed. Sites with w/e hook-ups require reservations and are more expensive. Activities include swimming, canoeing, fishing, putt-putt tournament, pasta cookoff, and raffles. All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald house. This year they are raffling off a 1971 westy camper. Event hosts: Mark Dearing Jeff & Teri Burkes, Keith (Waldo) McDonald, and David Woods of the Full Moon Bus Club. For questions, email: naturalbus@yahoo.com

June 6-8 (Fri--Sun) Riverhead, NY - **8th Annual Buses by the Big Duck VW Campout sponsored by LiMBO/LIVC. Event held at Indian Island Campground. Check out the "Big Duck" a popular Roadside Attraction. The Duck is just a few miles from the campground. The Big Duck New Englander's can get there from Connecticut via ferry! You can go from Bridgeport to Port Jefferson, website: <http://www.bpjferry.com> or New London to Orient Point, website: <https://longislandferry.com/Default.asp> We will be in group site #2 this year. Saturday night potluck, raffles, door prizes. Commemorative t-shirts will be available. Event organized by Andrea and Brad Rasso. Check out <http://arasso.tripod.com> for full details.

June 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Louisa, VA - **Small Country Campout 1**. Camping area has limited electricity and water. plenty of shade. bath house, swimming pool, lake for non-power boats and fishing. More information as available, or contact: vwtdgs@aol.com

June 15, 2007 (Father's Day Sunday), Harwinton, CT **Litchfield Bug-In Show and Swap Meet** - held at the Harwinton Fairground. This show attracts 350 cars, and it's a huge swap meet! Rain or shine. Camping is available on the fairgrounds Saturday night with bathroom and showers. Free food Saturday night provided by Texas Grill. There are plenty of food vendors at the show and a couple of nearby restaurants. For further information, contact Chuck Pisconski at 860-283-5256 or email vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net

July 2008

July 3-6 (Thurs-Sun) Shrewsbury, MA- **Westies at the Wards LiMBO Campout at the Ward Family Estate. Celebrate Independence Day Weekend at this beautiful camping spot. Electricity and facilities are VERY limited, but the camping is free!! Many restaurants nearby. Activities include a trip to Green Hill Park in Worcester to attend The Summer Nationals, the greatest car show on the east coast! You can buy a daily spectator fee or get a weekend participant pass. It gets the driver plus one other person in every day. <http://>

www.summernationals.com/index2.html Also, John Jordan, who lives right down the road in Northboro, will let us use his pool and hot tub. More details as available, or contact Dale at Limbobus2002@aol.com

July 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Townsend, VT- **West River Westies V at Bald Mountain Campground. 60 sites have been secured. There are w/e hook-ups, bathrooms and showers. Scheduled activities include a tube regatta, potluck supper Saturday night (Eric's famous ribs will be available for an extra charge), and a raffle. There will be dash plaques, and a commemorative t-shirt and sweatshirt will be available by advance order. Event is organized by Nevin Lescher: nesu@cox.net

July 13 (Sunday) Woodstock, CT - **The CVA's 4th Annual New England Volks-Meet** at the Woodstock Fairgrounds from 9am to 3pm. Trophies will be awarded by people's choice in many different classes. Show will be open to all Volkswagens and all German cars, owners and fans. Event will be held rain or shine. There will be dash plaques and goody bags to the first 200 cars. Camping is available on Saturday night with bathrooms and showers, and we will have live bands. There are plenty of food vendors at the show. For additional info please call: Jeremy Clayton (860) 539-9704 vwbus@excite.com or Joe Hughes (203) 982-6257 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

July 17-20 (Thurs.-Sun) Cape May County, NJ- **Cape May Campout** at Belleplain State Forest. For information about this forest, go to the website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html>. Call: (609) 861-2404. Cost is \$1.00 a night. Flush toilets, showers, and laundry facilities are within walking distance. Directions: The forest can be reached via the Garden State Parkway by taking exit 17 southbound (exit 17) to Routes 9 and 550 or exit 13 northbound. Events: Thursday, set up camp, meet & greet. Friday, take a drive and watch the sunset. Saturday, visit historic Cape May and the shore. Sunday, pack up and head for home. Any questions please contact Mark and Carol Foster: mlf1605@aol.com or call (201)952-0991

July 20, 2007 (Sunday)- **Folding Party, 10 AM, at Steve and Mary's in Milbury, MA. More details will follow as available.

July 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Portsmouth, RI **Buses in the Bay at the Melville Campground 181 Bradford Ave (off Rt. 114). Campground is just north of Newport and near the beach! Check in Friday is 11AM to 8PM, and check out is 11AM Sunday. You will need to call (401) 682-2424 to make reservations between 10AM and 5 PM only (no emails)! When you make your reservation, tell them you are with LiMBO. After calling in your reservation you must mail a deposit to hold your reservation. They do not accept credit cards! PLEASE RESERVE EARLY!!! This year's cruise will be to Flo's Clam Shack for chowda and cakes as well as fried clams, fish and chips etc. Cruise, pot-luck and raffles on Saturday. For more information, contact Coy at 401-254-2350, or coyandlynn83@hotmail.com

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August 2008

Aug 2nd (Sat) Shrewsbury, MA- **Volks-Vair Fair**. This annual show & swap meet is at Heberts Candy Mansion on Rt 20 Shrewsbury. Air cooled only show for VWs and Corvairs. Rain or shine. Trophies to 3rd place. Sponsored by The Bug Club and Colonial Corvair Club. Music, food plus great candy and ice cream at the Hebert Candy Mansion. Contact Gerry Anderson: 603-898-2874.

Aug 2nd (Sat) **Maine Show Caravan**. Informal caravan begins in Shrewsbury after the Volks-Vair fair (about 3 PM). Travel to the Vacationland VW show field to campout for their Sunday show. A dinner stop along the way near Portland. Meet at the DJ booth. More info: Contact Jim 413-743-1814 or email: mrlimbo@limbobus.org

Aug 3rd (Sun) Windsor, ME- **Vacationland VW Assoc. Annual VW Show and Swap Meet**. Swap meet, food, music and fun. Stereo soundoff, balloon toss, games for kids Plus matchbox racers. Camping on grounds the night before. For info contact: <http://users.adelphia.net/~vacvw/> or eMail: vacvw@adelphia.net

Aug 10 (Sun) Terryville, CT **17th Annual Terryville Bug-A-Fair**. Large all VW show and swap meet at the Lions Club Fairgrounds, 129-176 Town Hill Road. Engine blow, RV races, games for the kids, music, food, and fun! Camping on the grounds the night before. Contact Chuck Pisonksi at 860-283-5256 or email vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net

Aug 17 (Sun) Vallejo, CA - **Nor-Cal Bus Fest III** at the Solano County Fairgrounds. This display and swap event is open to ALL VW's regardless of year, model or condition. The inaugural event in 2007 featured 147 buses and trucks, from daily drivers to full restorations and everything in between. General admission \$10 per adult which includes entry, space to display or sell your Type II and/or swap parts. For details and photos of the 2007 event, please visit www.busfest.net

Aug 17 (Sun) Hampton, IL- **Bi-State VW's 13th Annual Show & Shine Picnic** at Empire Park. Registration 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Free Entry - Donations accepted, all proceeds go to charity. Awards presented at 3:00 p.m. Dash plaques, door prizes, and a swap meet. Camping at nearby Illiniwek Park. Directions: From I-80, take Highway 84. Follow Highway 84 to Hampton, IL. Hampton / Empire park is located on the Hampton / East Moline border. For further information contact Bill Case (309) 654-2324 or Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205.

September 2008

Sept 5-7 (Fri-Sun) **Buses by the Buoy '08 Event will be held somewhere in the mid-coast region of Maine. Details are still being worked out, but save the date! Event is organized by Michael and Sheila King: vacvw@adelphia.net

Sept 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Flanders, NJ **All Air-Cooled Gathering** hosted by the Central Jersey VW Society and Swim and Sport

Club located at 272 Emmans Rd. Gates open at 2:00 pm on Saturday for camping, and VW camaraderie, and again at 8:00 am on Sunday for the show and swap meet. Daily drivers to show cars welcome as long as it's an air-cooled VW. Trophies – Dash Plaques – Raffle Prizes – On-site bar and kitchen. Admission: Entrance to the show on Sunday – \$10.00; Swap Meet Space on Sunday [includes one pass to the show] – \$20.00; Overnight Camping [including two passes to the show] – \$30.00; Kids 12 and under – FREE! For info or to help sponsor this event, please e-mail Art Neary at nearybros@yahoo.com or Jeffrey Hicken at jeffrey@cjvws.com or 908-377-5577

Sept 21 (Sunday)- **Folding Party, 10 AM, at the home of Carolyn and John Jordan in Northboro, MA. Come help us get the newsletter out and enjoy the surroundings, it's worth the trip! Details to follow. John's email is john_jordan@charter.net

Sept 28 (Sunday) Brookline, MA **The 23st Annual Transporterfest. VW Day will be held from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Larz Anderson Museum sponsored by LiMBO, NEATO, and BSVWOC. All VW's welcome, old and new, shiny and rusty, clean and oily, straight and dented. Pre-registration is not necessary. Rain or shine. Registration includes 2 museum admissions. New parts vendor fee: \$25, used VW parts vendor fee: \$15. Raffles and prizes at the end of the day. For directions visit www.mot.org or call 617-522-6547. There may be an informal campout the night before the event. Contact Stan: stan_wohlfarth@bentleypublishers.com or call 508-651-3502 evenings 7-10 PM.

October 2008

October 10-12 (Fri-Sun, Columbus Day Weekend) Watkins Glen, New York - **Westies at Watkins 2008. This is the seventh annual LiMBO family campout. For directions or more details and information on the campout, contact Joel B.Cort of the Empire State VW Camping Club at jcort@rochester.rr.com or (585)-377-4161

October 19 (Sunday) starting in Simsbury, CT - **The CVA's 10th Annual Fall Foliage Cruise**, held rain or shine. Meet at 9am at The Simsbury Fireman's Clubhouse. Wind through scenic roads of Connecticut with a few stops along the way. Bring a picnic lunch. There will be a dinner after the cruise for those that are interested. For info please contact: Jeremy Clayton (860) 539-9704 vwbus@excite.com or Joe Hughes (203) 982-6257 vwjoehughes@yahoo.com

October 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Talladega National Forest, Alabama - **The Fifth Annual Alabama Fall Ball** at Turnipseed Hunters Camp. We will have Breakfast Burritos on Saturday Morning and a Potluck dinner that night. Cost is only \$5 a night per bus in the honor box. Get details as available at www.bamabusbrigade.com under the events forums.

November 2008

November 23 (Sunday)- **Folding Party at Coy's in Bristol, RI. Details to follow. For direction, contact Coy at 401-254-2350, or coyandlynn83@hotmail.com

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES & SPECIALISTS

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 which strengthens the club. **Remember this is your club too.** If you see a local rep 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 or specialist for your area and would like to become one, let me know at my address on page 2. Thank you. *Tom Power*

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annual REPORT 2008 LiMBO Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2008 Annual meeting was held on Sunday January 20, 2008 at John Jordan's home in Northborough, MA. The following members were present:

Name	Position (present)
Bethune, Coy	Director
Bossarte, George	Director
Brawn, Mary	Member
Brawn, Steve	Member
DiGennaro, Jim	Director, President, Newsletter Editor
Guilfoil, Mike	Director, Clerk
Jordan, John	Member
Manion, Linda	Events Listing & Area Rep Coordinator
Power, Tom	Events Listing & Area Rep Coordinator
Reynolds, John	Advertising (Newsletter/TTT/Business)
Smith, Glen	Director, Treasurer
Ward, Dale	Director, Membership (new members)
Wohlfarth, Stan	Director, President, Advertising

2007 Meeting Minutes (Mike Guilfoil) The meeting began with a review of the Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. The Minutes were accepted.

President's Message (Jim DiGennaro) Following are the highlights of Jim's opening statement:

- 2008 marks 19 years for LiMBO.
 - There are no major financial problems.
 - For 2008 we will concentrate on the Internet and Website.
 - We will emphasize the electronic Newsletter over the printed version.
 - Once again, Jim stated that we need new blood and ideas. Many of the volunteers have been the same since the beginning of the club.
 - Nevin Lescher is retiring as the LiMBO-Mart keeper.
 - We should possibly look into merging with NEATO, whose membership is also down.
 - We need to figure out why membership is dropping.
- Discussion ensued, with agreement that the biggest draw of LiMBO in the past was the printed newsletter with the

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extensive events listing, general information and networking leads as well as the TTT. It became the best if not only "game in town" for many people for quite a while. Things have changed and with the Internet most if not all of the information is available without the need to join a club and pay dues.

-The TTT is the clubs biggest draw.

- In discussing the financial statements Glen noted that the revenues for Dues (\$5035.00), Merchandise (\$833.25) and Other (\$2874.05) are clouded because Other Income is primarily from Pay Pal receipts. Pay Pal is used for many merchandise purchases and new/renewal membership dues. Glen currently does not have visibility into what constitutes the Pay Pal receipts.

-Discussion ensued as to how to resolve the Pay Pal issue. The Pay Pal account for LiMBO has been tied to Jim DiGennaro's Pay Pal account and credit card since LiMBO started using Pay Pal. Last year Glen acquired a credit card for LiMBO for the purpose of taking the account off Jim's card. The transition never took place for a number of reasons. Jim is still willing to be the "point man" for incoming Pay Pal transactions and disperse orders to the appropriate volunteers with these changes:

- The Pay Pal account will be changed to LiMBO and tied to Glen's LiMBO credit card.

-Jim DiGennaro's Email account will be the contact point on the account. Jim will receive the invoices/orders and forward copies to both Glen (for accounting purposes) and the membership coordinator or LiMBO Mart keeper (as appropriate) to act on the order.

- Glen discussed areas of possible cost cutting including whether the club should continue paying the newsletter editor, and whether the club needed to continue to provide a phone line/DSL Internet service for Jim DiGennaro.

-Regarding paying the Newsletter editor, Jim said that as long as he was the editor it would have to remain a paid position. Jim has been looking for a replacement editor. Further discussion was deferred for the newsletter section.

-Regarding paying for phone and internet, the club originally decided to provide the phone/internet package because we were already paying for the official LiMBO phone line at Jim's house, and Jim needed high speed internet service for his Newsletter editor activities. It made economic sense to get the package deal and the club voted to pay the bill. Jim said he no longer needs the high-speed Internet connection. That left the issue of an official LiMBO phone number/point of contact. Jim said that he does receive calls, though not that many.

-Final decision: it was voted to drop the phone line/internet for a saving of approximately \$740.00 per year. Dale Ward's cell phone will be listed as the point of contact in the Newsletter and on the website for now.

The financial report summary is as follows:

	2007	2006
Revenues	\$8,842	\$10,865
Expenses	\$7,379	\$9,167
Net	\$1,463	\$1,698
Balance Year End	\$13,465	\$11,659

The financial report was approved and accepted.

Newsletter (Jim Digennaro)

-Andrea Rasso has volunteered to take over the Newsletter Editor position beginning with the March/April issue. Andrea agreed to \$5.00 per page, which is a 50% saving (\$80.00 vs. \$160.00 per issue).

- Ideas for increasing content were discussed including:

- Encourage some members to sign up to do a regular column.
- "Test Drive Someone Else's Bus "; test drive another bus and write up a review of the bus of the owner.
- "Meet the Members" section. Coy Bethune volunteered to do some write-ups.

A suggestion was floated to reduce the number of pages from 16 to 12 pages if content submissions can't be increased, and to possibly reduce cost. Tom Power and Linda Manion questioned whether that would be adequate considering the extensive number/size of the events listings they are compiling. It was decided to maintain the current size of 16 pages.

Transporter Printing Coordination (Nevin Lescher)

-Nevin Lescher was unable to attend due to recent surgery, but agreed to continue coordinating printing with Konica.

Postage Meter (Dale Ward)

-It was decided to continue the postage meter. Fees in 2007 were only about \$126.00.

Newsletter Advertising (John Reynolds)

- John would like to hand off this position, but agreed to continue for this year.

- The following advertising rates were set: The annual rate (6 issues) for a Business Card sized advertisement will be \$75.00 and will include a one-year membership.

-The rate for a one-year Website advertisement will be \$25.00.

-The rate for a TTT advertisement will be \$25.00.

TTT (Transporter Tourist and Traveler Directory)

-A new TTT will be published this year. The latest edition was printed in May 2006. The TTT is published every two years.

- Update forms will be included with the January/February Newsletter. Forms for changes or new listings are due back by April 15, 2008. A new form is required only if there are changes or a member wants to be deleted from the TTT.

- George Bossarte and Steve Paine confirmed that the NEATO and LiMBO databases are ready to go.

- Tom Brouillette from NEATO will edit this edition.

- Konica was suggested as the preferred printer, however George Bossarte will obtain a quote from his printer.

-The goal is to have the TTT ready and included with the May Newsletter.

Webpage (Phil Dlugolecki)

- Phil could not attend the meeting but forwarded comments.

- The Limbo web site continues to be a popular site.

- Since we re-designed the site everything seems to be OK. People seem to like the idea of one login to access everything. It has been proven that it is necessary move to this type of format because Web site spamming has continued to grow.

- Jim DiGennaro, Nevin Lescher and Phil continue to delete spammers who try to register on the LiMBO site. A valid email address is now required to become a user, significantly reducing spam postings.

- Sometimes a spammer is able to post, and it is usually a porn site. If you see a porn posting, don't click on it, - it may harm your computer. Instead, notify Phil so he can delete it.
- Participation is up. Phil is receiving more stuff to post than ever before. Participation from the New England area, where LiMBO started, has gone down.
- In the month of January 2008 the average daily activity was 202 Visits, 3179 Pages Viewed, and 6007 Hits.

Membership (Steve Paine)

Steve was unable to attend, but forwarded his report to the meeting. Following are the membership statistics:

	2008	2007
Total Active Members	362	423
Traditional Memberships	280	329
Other Traditional*	15	20
Internet	67	74

* *Other Traditional = exchange, honorary, volunteer and free give-aways*

-A motion was made and approved to reduce the Internet Membership dues to \$15.00 per year.

Area Rep Coordinator (Tom Power & Linda Manion)

- Basically no change.
- Coy Bethune volunteered to be R.I. Area Representative.

LiMBO Mart (Nevin Lescher)

- Nevin was unable to attend the meeting, but forwarded a brief report.
- Sales through the Internet website with Paypal payments far outnumbered cash sales from the Transporter, local shows and camping events.
- Sales and shipments were down 33% in 2007 compared to 2006. This decline continued through the last two quarters of 2007 despite the introduction of Sun Catchers in the first quarter, and a limited run of a new T-Shirt with the redesigned logos on the front and back in the fourth quarter. Both items were well promoted, both on the Web site and in the Transporter. There was a special plug on the Web site and in the November/December issue of the Transporter for the Sun Catchers to be used as Christmas tree ornaments. No orders were received. Other items like the older ash grey Tees were also offered at a reduced price without much success.
- Nevin stopped carting merchandise around to shows and campouts in 2007 due to low interest at these events.
- Nevin is retiring from the LiMBO Mart storekeeper position. He has done a great job with LiMBO Mart, and has introduced a wonderful assortment of LiMBO items over the years.
- Tom Power volunteered to take over the LiMBO Mart to replace Nevin.
- Arrangements will be worked out by Tom and Nevin to transfer the inventory.

Election of Officers, Board of Directors, Positions

- Andrea Rasso will be taking over as the Newsletter Editor
- The Classified Advertising position has been eliminated. The Newsletter Editor will handle classified ads for the Transporter.
- Tom Power will be taking over the LiMBO Mart position.

Following are Officers, Directors and Positions for 2007:

Officers (one year term): President; Jim DiGennaro, Treasurer; Glen Smith, CPA, Clerk; Mike Guilfoil.

Directors (New, 2-year term; expires 1/31/2010): Stan Wohlfarth.

Directors (second year of 2 year term; expires 1/31/2009): Coy Bethune, George Bossarte, Rick Golen, Nevin Lescher, Ken Madson, Bill Monk, Steve Paine, Evans Waldron, Dale Ward. *Note: Officers automatically serve on the Board of Directors.*

Positions: Newsletter Editor; Andrea Rasso, Membership (new); Dale Ward, Membership (renewals); Steve Paine, Advertising & Business: (Newsletter/TTT/Web site); John Reynolds.

Area Representative Coordinators: Linda Manion & Tom Power, LiMBO Mart; Tom Power, 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 and Tom Power as soon as possible for inclusion in the Newsletter and to possibly avoid conflicts.

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Calendar - Folding Parties

A tentative Folding Party schedule is shown below:

- Feb 10 Dale Ward, 9 Golden Hill Ave., Shrewsbury MA, 508-842-2121
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- Mar 16 Tom Power & Linda Manion, 286 4th Ave., Woonsocket RI, 401-762-2448
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- May 18 Jim DiGennaro, 34 Summer Street, Adams, MA, 413-743-4968,
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- July 20 Mary & Steve Brawn, 8 Warren St., Millbury, MA, 508-865-9859
- Sep 21 John Jordan, 55 Cherry St, Northborough MA, 508-393-0663
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- Nov 23 Coy Bethune, 12 2nd St., Bristol RI, 401-254-2350
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as seen on ebay

Ebay UK had "Magic Bus" (this VW camper was once owned by Pete Townsend of the Who) up for auction with the bidding over £16,000 (that is more than US \$30,000). The auction ended early, however, with the current owner commenting that the item is no longer available for sale. Speculation is that the appreciation value of the bus increased dramatically in the week that it was up for auction. Additional rumor is that Volkswagen is interested in the vehicle for advertising.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

By: Steve Paine

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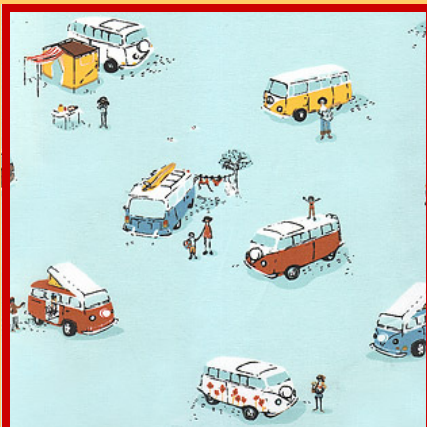
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Stephen & Linda Boucheron,
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**Remember
to turn in
the TTT forms
by April 15th**

PARTING SHOTS



Here is a swatch of Heather Ross Lightning Bugs VW Vans/Camper fabric. This quality, cotton fabric comes in a light blue or pink background. Several websites sell the fabric (as well as EBAY for about \$8-\$10 a yard). Google it and get it!



Camping season is approaching! This parting shot is from April '07 at the EveryBus Campout in North Carolina. Check out the Coming Events on p.10 for EveryBus 2008 details.