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Views From The Windshield (passenger seat)

Greetings:

I have taken over as editor of *The Transporter* from the capable hands of Andrea Rasso. I have been the designer/ editor in the past, and am glad to do so again.

Seems like VW's will always be part of my life, as Stan (AKA Stanagon) has now opened a VW repair and restoration business (Stan's Classic Service, www.stanagon.com), and even though we have sold a blue '81 camper we had for 17 years, new acquisitions come along ('64 'vert)..

We have enjoyed the LiMBO camping events through the

years, and have seen many LiMBO kids grow up and go to college and beyond, (even our son, Ben)! Even though sometimes 13-year old Megan is "embarrassed" to be picked up in the work-in-progress 'vert, with it's patina, thankfully, our 5 year old, Madelyn loves VW's and will be part of the next generation of kids to frequent the shows and camp-outs.

So, please continue to send your submissions to *The Transporter* so that we can continue the tradition of stories and adventure! **Next deadline is April 30th, 2011.**

- Mary-Ann Wohlfarth

COMING EVENTS

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 Stan Wohlfarth at stan_wohlfarth@msn.com, or email to events@limbobus. Snail mail can be sent to: Coming Events, c/o Stan Wohlfarth, 29 woodland Road, Wayland, MA 01778. **Next deadline is April 30th, 2011.** Remember, participation in any LIMBO event or activity is strictly voluntary and at one's own risk.

April 2011

April 1-3 (Fri-Sun) Lake Havasu City, AZ – VW Howard's AZ Rte. 66 caravan and campout. Yearly fun bus event, coincides with the Mardi Gras in Galveston, we reserve 10 camping spots where we can put up to 3 buses on them, be sure to register early. This is not an organized event as much as just hanging out with other VW people. We have almost 20 buses signed up so far. If you'd like to come camp just drop us an email, when you send your money in your on the list. Its \$15 a night, we camp Fri and Sat nights. We do a shrimp boil Sat. sharonvws@gmail.com

April 10 (Sun) Ft. Pierce, FL – VW Spring Bash at Old Indrio School House, 8850 Indrio Rd., Ft. Peirce, FL 34946. Air and Water Cooled oldies, those restored and those still perfecting their VW status. Vendors, swap meet, live music by the Fifth Element Band, coloring contest, raffles, crafts, bounce houses which are not just for kids and a County Park. See our new website at www.vwspringbash.com, e-mail at vwspringbash@yahoo.com or call Susan at 772-201-7353. Vendors and show cars can enter at 7am, and must stay till 4pm for trophies.

April 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Fredericksburg, TX – Texas VW Classic. The Biggest VW Show in Texas! A weekend of camping, cruising and Volkswagenism. Roll through the hill country on the Bluebonnet Cruise, followed by a BBQ dinner on Saturday. Then wake up early Sunday to show off your VW to the masses,

check out the competition, and navigate the sea of spare parts, used cars, toys, and other VW items. The show concludes Sunday afternoon with an awards presentation including projected photos of winning cars. For more info or to register online please visit <http://www.texasvwclassic.com>.

April 16 (Sat) East Ridge/Chattanooga, TN – BugApaluza 13, Tennessee's Premiere Volkswagen show! BugApaluza keeps growing and this year will be no different! Last year saw over 300 show cars and over 150 vendors. Camping is available on site. Check out the show web site: <http://www.bugapaluza.com> for constant updates. Follow the club on <http://www.volksfolks.org>

April 17 (Sun) Seekonk, MA – New England Dust Off, <http://nedustoff.com/> for more info. Held at Seekonk speedway.

May 2011

May 1 (Sun) Mansfield, CT – CVA's 21st annual spring dust off at Mansfield Hollow state park from 9am to 3pm. Held rain or shine. This is an informal, non-judged car show. Dash plaques to the first 200 cars. Last year we had almost 250 cars, so arrive early. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the cars and your fellow VW comrades! No alcohol or burnouts! Info: Jeremy (860) 539-9704 vwadct@comcast.net or Milt redbug203@sbcglobal.net.



All Air-Cooled gathering, Flanders, NJ, Sept. 2010

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Submission can be sent electronically to editor@limbobus.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

By Steve Paine

Philip Bartholomew, Portsmouth, RI
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Ned Zoller, Foresthill, CA



State bird-watcher spots his own van...

Submitted by Mary Brawn
Reprinted from the Associated Press

PORT ANGELES WASHINGTON -

While Devon Miller was bird watching recently on Olympic Peninsula, he saw bald eagles, kingfishers, woodpeckers, and his stolen VW Vanagon.

Miller said the van was so badly damaged he almost didn't recognize it. The top and side panels had been ripped off, and

the dashboard ripped apart.

Clallam County detectives took fingerprints, but Miller has little hope finding whoever took the van from his port Angeles driveway last November.

The engine and transmission were intact when he spotted the van Jan. 2 in the woods near Elwha River. Miller was able to drive it eight miles to an auto sales yard, which is giving him credit toward another Volkswagen.



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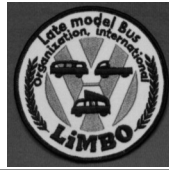
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IDLE CHATTER

By
Coy Bethune

I'd like to thank the club for the opportunity to serve in the capacity as President, I've been in the club for a very long time and on the Board of Directors for the last few years. This Volkswagen club belongs to all of us collectively, so if anyone has ideas regarding the club in anyway I'm all ears. Is there anything you'd like to see in the LiMBO-Mart? Perhaps you have an idea of how to do things better or in a different way. Maybe an idea for an event or something; perhaps something new and different!

I'm sure you are as ready for spring as I am. Very soon we get to blow the dust off our Buses give them a gentle scrubbing and fix a few little things so we enjoy them all summer!! This year my few little things include rear tires and some chassis repair!! My Bus is a ripe old 34 years, I was a high school freshman when he was built! His name is Chester, my kids think he looks like a "Cheeto", he's "Chrome Yellow", so he's named after "Chester Cheetah"- the "Cheetos" mascot.

Soon we'll be having our "Transporter Rites of Spring" which is usually a good kick off the season event. The last couple of years attendance has dwindled down quite a bit, I'd like to hear why. Give me a ring or drop me an e-mail and give me your thoughts. I can be reached at (401) 254-2350 or coyandlynn83@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.



Mike King

AUGUSTA -- Michael W. King of Dresden passed away at Maine General Medical Center in Augusta on Feb. 10, 2011, with his loving wife at his side. He was born in Portland, Oct. 14, 1943, the son of William Irvine King and Ruth (Peterson) King. Michael grew up in Westbrook.

He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography from Toronto University, and at one time had his own photography studio in Albany, N.Y. He was a veteran, having served in the Army for three years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was, at one time, president of the Volkswagen club here in Maine. On April 2, 1979, Michael married the love of his life, Sheila Cookson, in Augusta.

Michael was predeceased by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 31 years; his sister, Sarah Gene (Sally)

Keefe, and husband John of Albany, N.Y.; two sisters-in-law, Charla Graham and husband William of Texas and Monti McCanless and husband Jeffrey of Colorado; a niece; and several nephews.

His wife wishes to thank all the kind people at the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care for their kind and caring treatment of Michael.

Condolences may be expressed at www.funeralalternatives.net. **Published in Kennebec Journal on February 12, 2011**

Mike King ran the Buses by the Buoy event for several years and was most recently seen at the 2010 Buoy.

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It all started out so innocently, *I mean what's the worst that could happen?*



Such was the case at this past January's meeting of the minds on the southern shores of Lake Nockamixon collectively known as "oatmeal's birthday bash", in this case o.b.b. II. This area of Lake Nockamixon features seven separate completely furnished free-standing cabins with indoor plumbing no less! In the interest of accuracy, I did not name this

event even though it seems to have been perpetuated in my name. My events coordinator is responsible for that one. If you don't have an events coordinator, I highly recommend that you get one, mine is indispensable.

Arriving fashionably late after 30 minutes in the green zone (of bluebird's tachometer), it was time to get down to the serious business of celebrating yet another birthday. Didn't we just do this last year? After conducting a brief fire safety lecture; it goes something like this, "my feet are here, please do not trip over them." We were able to start in earnest. Once I plant myself next to a fire, I won't move unless the fire needs more wood, nature calls, I'm on fire, or bluebird says, "Are you the only one here?" Anyone who has ever tripped over my steel toe boots knows all too well the truth in those words. Such is the way of the "big dumb guy".

At some point in the evening, one of our group remarked that it was really cold (12 degrees Fahrenheit). "Coldest night of the year (which up to this point in the New Year, it was.)", I replied. I felt grateful, when I was driving my '85 and both of my '93's, I would have had to be out in the driveway wrenching on them on a night like this. It's my dumb luck that I always get to wrench on the both the coldest and hottest days of the year, every year, without fail. Suffice it to say that Friday night's council fire adjourned early because it was cold outside and the State of Pennsylvania takes great pride in installing soul-less fire pits in their parks that are both completely devoid of character and completely incapable of producing any heat whatsoever. After retreating to the soothing warmth of an electrically-heated cabin, it was time to turn in for the night and wait for the "night sounds". Friday night the cabin windows shook in their frames and "swamp gas" filled the air. Endless giggling ensued to the delight of all who heard it. This year, unlike last year, the night passed without further incident and everyone awoke rested and refreshed.

Last year an alarm clock flew off the night stand and onto the floor all by itself at 4:30 in the morning, causing the littlest one to wake up screaming at the top of her lungs in fear. I got up 30 minutes later and went to work. This year I didn't have to work.

Saturday was beautiful, breakfast was made and shared; lunch and dinner were waiting in the wings. Oatmeal boiled over the pot of oatmeal in typical "big dumb guy" fashion. Luckily several other cooks were present, no one got hurt and all were treated to

wholesome natural breakfast goodness. The rest of the day was spent on sledding expeditions, firewood procurement, food preparation, and cabin journal recitation. From what we could deduce, some sort of temporal rift in the very fabric of the universe had occurred in this cabin at various times in the past year and we missed it! Several people reported that they had had all sorts of phantasmagorical experiences culminating in one case with the instantaneous formation of an indie rock band comprised of floor mop, a broom, a flyswatter, a toilet plunger (?), and an agent (??). what do an agent and a toilet plunger have in common? Lots of things if you think long enough about it.

I would like to claim credit for this but I can't. All I did last year was to post instructions on how to rid the cabin of the evil ghost that supposedly inhabits it. I cannot claim any responsibility for those individuals who reported that their brains were melted, my heart goes out them. My advice for those people is to seek out a shaman at the nearest native American powwow and to follow their advice to the letter. By the way, if you do go to a powwow, do me a favor and pick up a spirit whistle for me, I could really use one.

Getting back to the story, Saturday night's council fire was colder than Friday night's council fire by three degrees. The snow was almost cold enough to squeak when you walked on it. Once again the heartless hearth caused us to abandon council fire and head for the soothing warmth and bright lights of the cabin. This time we got smart, we realized that all we had to do was to periodically add wood to the fire and we could watch it through the cabin's storm door. As a result, council fire was much nicer than the night before. Before we knew it, it was time to turn in for the night. Once again, the night passed without incident as there were no "night sounds" to be heard and the evil spirit in the cabin had been soundly thrashed out by the little ones earlier in the evening. Give some birthday cake to little ones and no self-respecting ghost anywhere will be able to withstand the ensuing onslaught of happy sounds and noises that will most assuredly occur afterwards.

Sunday morning dawned and no one wanted to leave. The only evidence we could find of any monkey business was that someone had signed their name by micturition on the snow next to the cabin sometime during the night (the picture is on facebook, couldn't tell you where it is though), I can only say that it was truly inspired artwork.

On the park stranger's second pass through the cul-du-sac (site of last year's Saab 900 redneck road-rally, it was like we were at the Daytona 500 sans restrictor plates), we realized that we were late in checking out and that we should probably be going. The ghost of the cabin needed to rest until next year's rematch. Hopefully all of your birthdays are as memorable as mine have so recently become.

See you on the road - oatmeal

COMING EVENTS CONTINUED

June 2011

May 5-8 (Thur-Sun) Hollister, CA - Syncro de Mayo 12. There will be some new activities this year and the return of some old ones. 25 miles of off-road trails with spectacular views, campfires, spaten beer, music, food, friends and fun. Dogs welcome (with responsible owner). Children REALLY welcome (they love this event). Check the event website and blog for updates. <http://www.syncro-de-mayo.com>

May 12-15 (Tues-Sun) Beavertown, PA - Granny Grose's 7. Same location, different campground name. Grose's Campground is now called Shady Brook Campground. Dave is the new owner and they recently completed an electric and water overhaul. NO RESERVATIONS will be taken through the campground. Camping will now be first come, first serve, sorry no single sites and general camping. Camping will cost \$15/night/Bus. \$7 each additional adult/night. No more than 3 Buses on a site area. Again, NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED. Just first come, first serve. Show up as early as you'd like! The rates are good as long as you're there for GGB! For campground information see <http://www.shadybrookcg.com>

May 21 (Sat) Dedham, MA – Bay State VW owner's club spring cruise, destination locations to be determined. Cruise will likely start in Dedham and stop at Stan's Classic Service in Natick, MA for coffee and donuts. This is always a fun cruise with 20 or more classic VWs in attendance. See www.bsvwoc.org or e-mail Peter at bsvwoc@msn.com.

May 21 (Sat) North Adams, MA – LiMBO newsletter folding party at Jim Digennaro's, 34 Summer St. Adams, MA 01220. E-mail: mrlimbo@limbobus.org or call 413-743-4968.

May 22 (Sun) Stockbridge, MA – Arlo Guthrie HD charity historic garbage trail walk. Join the fun as VW buses are used to transport walkers to Alice's restaurant in Stockbridge for the walk. Free food along the walk and afterwards at the church. Plan to arrive early in morning (8am-ish) and contact Jim DiGennaro for more info: mrlimbo@limbobus.org or 413-743-1814.

May 27-30 (Fri-Sun) West Milford, NJ 07480 - Westies in West Milford at Westbrook Park, 857 Westbrook Road. \$7 per person per night. Plenty to do: area hiking, (14 mile hike to NYC view), boating in nearby Greenwood Lake, nature museum, (Weiss Ecology Center). Potluck supper Sat. night. More details to follow. For more info, contact Jon Kleckner: jonsmtrs@optonline.net or (973)506-4293.

June 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Riverhead, NY - 11th Annual Buses by the Big Duck at the Indian Island Campground (631 852-3232). If you're coming from New England, you can take a ferry from Bridgeport <http://www.bpjferry.com/> or New London <https://www.longislandferry.com>. The campground's fee is \$28 per night for non-county residents. Suffolk County residents pay \$18 per night, but must also have a Green Key Park Pass (\$20, good for three years & available at park office). We will be camping in a reserved group area equipped with electric and water. We will be in GROUP SITE #2 and #4. Your (CASH ONLY) payment will be collected by Andrea at time of arrival, but please check in at the parks front office. Last minute arrivals are welcome, so if you do not know your plans until the day before, there will be room. Pot luck dinner/raffles will be on Saturday night. For more information, go to the website <http://arasso.tripod.com/> or contact Andrea at rassovw@hotmail.com. IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PET OWNERS: Pets must be licensed and vaccinated. You must have a copy of the rabies certificate and dog license certificate with you. The rabies tag and dog license tag is NOT GOOD ENOUGH. Also, DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES.

June 8-12 (Wed-Sun) Chino, CA – VW Classic weekend campout at Blackstar. We are able to lower the admission price this year, so pricing is as follows: Thur. arrival, \$30/weekend; Friday arrival, \$25/weekend; Sat. arrival, \$20/night. If you need a full hook-up RV spot please contact vto at stan@vtobusclub.com. New Location has fishing, horseback riding, touch water park, disk golf, also a shooting range. There will be a raffle Friday night and Saturday night with grand prize being a 1600 turnkey motor. Food will be provided Friday night by VTO. Monster caravan to the OCTO show on Sat. Dutch oven cook-off on Sat. night, best camp site award and lots more. Contacts: steve@vtobusclub.com - 909-868-8761; stan@vtobusclub.com - 909-709-1269.

June 10-13 (Fri-Sun) Almonte, Mississippi Mills, Ontario Canada - Busfusion 2011 at the North Lanark Agricultural Society, Almonte Fairgrounds, located 35 km west of Ottawa, on the banks of the Mississippi River. The fairgrounds have level camping spots along the banks of the Mississippi, toilet facilities running water, a dump station, and a building for a communal dinner, swap meet and gathering. With the Fairgrounds being just a few minute walk to the town center, there will be no need to move your vehicles to visit Almonte. Bring your bikes for a countryside ride. For more information, go to the website: www.busfusion.com or send email to busfusion@aol.com.

COMING EVENTS CONTINUED

June 19 (Sun) Harwinton, CT - The 23rd Annual Litchfield Bug In. 9am- 3pm at the Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Road. All proceeds go to local charity. Overnight camping is available on the grounds with clean modern restrooms/showers provided. Also on Saturday at 6pm is the annual Bug In Bash, with free food provided by the Texas Grill. You can also attend the Fathers Day pancake breakfast at the firehouse in town on Sunday morning. Swap spaces are both indoor and outdoor with plenty of room for vendors. Average space is 20' by 20'. We usually get 300 VW vehicles in the show and around 100 vendors. For additional information contact: Chuck Piconski at 860-283-5256 or vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net.

July 2011

July 7-10 (Thur-Sun) Jim Thorpe, PA - Camping at Mauch Chunk Lake Park. Please e-mail if planning to arrive Thur. (check in at 2pm). \$4/person/night payable in cash (under 3 is free). Gorgeous lake with sandy beach, lifeguards, snack bar and small camp store. Kayak and canoe rentals or bring your own. Electric motors only on lake. Fishing and hiking trails. Lots to do in nearby Jim Thorpe as well. Sites are wooded and shady - great for July! We will be in the Group A and Group C areas. Flush toilets, showers and water nearby. No electric and no dogs allowed in the campground. No check-in required at office. See Malissa or Ken on site to check in. For up to date info, see our facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/malissa.noll.weikel#!/event.php?eid=196019823745787>. Campground website: <http://www.carboncounty.com/park/about.htm>. Contact Malissa Weikel: missnken@dejazzd.com or missnken on LIMBO website.

July 10 (Sunday) Lebanon, CT - CVA's 7th Annual New England Volks-Meet at the Lebanon Lions Fairgrounds 9am to 3pm, rain or shine. Trophies will be awarded by people's choice in many different classes. Show will be open to VW's and all German cars, owners, and fans. There will be dash plaques and goody bags for the first 200 vehicles. Camping is available on the fairgrounds the night before the show, entertainment by live bands. There will be entertainment for kids both days. For more info contact Jeremy at (860) 539-9704, vwadct@comcast.net or Milt at redbug203@sbcglobal.net.

July 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Townshend, VT - West River Westies at Bald mountain campground. Bring your family and friends, pets, bicycles, tubes and rafts, cameras, something to share at the potluck supper and a donation for the raffle to benefit Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, VT. Make new friends and greet the old ones. Go tubing on the West River, bicycling on State Forest Road, enjoy Eric Lindskog's famous pulled pork sandwiches and BBQ ribs, the potluck supper and bucket raffle. Camping rates:

\$23.83/day includes W/E hookup and Vermont tax. Call Bald Mountain Campground for reservations. 1-802-365-7510. The campground has free showers and ample bathrooms. Nev and Sue Lescher, are your WRW wagonmasters. e-mail: nesu@cox.net.

July 24 (Sun) Northborough, MA - LIMBO newsletter folding party at John Jordan's. 55 Cherry St., Northborough, MA. E-mail: jwjordan2@verizon.net or call 508-393-0663.

August 2011

August 6 (Sat) Shrewsbury, MA - Volks-Vair Fair. Annual show & swap meet at Heberts Candy Mansion on Rt 20 Shrewsbury. Air-cooled only show for VWs and Corvairs. Rain or shine, 10am to 2pm, participant judging, trophies to 3rd place. Sponsored by The Bug club and Colonial Corvair Club. Great time, music, food plus great candy and ice cream at the mansion. Contact Gerry Anderson: 603-898-2874.

August 13 (Sat) Governor's island, NYC - VW traffic jam, 10am to 4pm. Event takes place at Picnic Point, a gorgeous lawn space on the southwest rim of Governors Island. The site has stunning views of the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor. Food, beverage, and beer vendors will be present, but we encourage you to bring picnic food and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as bikes and blades for exploring. The island rents bikes as well. Show car registration is \$20 including ferry transport, spectators admission is free. Registration opens on June 15, 2011, see website for more details: www.volkswagentrafficjam.com.

August 14 (Sun) Terryville, CT - All VW Car Show and Swap Meet to be held at the Terryville Fairground, 176 Town Hill Road in Terryville from 9am to 3pm. Admission charged with proceeds going to local charity (Terryville Lions Club). Last year we had 310 VWs of all types from early 50s to the latest showroom models. Over 100 awards given away in aircooled and watercooled classes. Swap meet has over 75 vendors selling new and used VW related items. Camping available at the fairgrounds for a small fee. Contact Chuck Piconski. vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net or 860-283-5256.

August 12-14 (Fri-Sun) Brooklin, Ontario, Canada - Buses Of The Corn, family-oriented campout for buses and campers of all ages. Fun activities include: amazing FMBC Breakfast Burritos, swap meet, tie-dye workshop, Frisbee golf, driving challenge, scavenger hunt, and field-fresh corn roast served up within hours of picking. After that, a great campfire for all. Within an hour's drive of Downtown Toronto, there is plenty to see and do all weekend. www.busesofthecorn.ca Note new URL (DOT CEE - EH!!!)

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2011 LIMBO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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The 2011 Annual meeting was held on Sunday January 16, 2011 at Dale Ward's home (a.k.a. LiMBO Club House) in Shrewsbury, MA. The following members were present:

| Name | Position (present) |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bethune, Coy | Director |
| Bethune, Lynn | |
| Bossarte, George | Director |
| Brawn, Mary | Member |
| Brawn, Stephen | Member |
| DiGennaro, Jim | Director |
| Guilfoil, Mike | Clerk, Director |
| Jordan, John | Limbo-Mart Coordinator |
| Kleckner, Jon | President, Director |
| Manion, Linda | Events Listing |
| Paine, Steve | Membership Coordinator, Director |
| Power, Tom | Events Listing |
| Reynolds, John | Advertising (Newsletter/TTT/Business) |
| Waldron, Evans | Director |
| Ward, Dale | Membership (new members), Director |
| Wohlfarth, Stan | Director |

2010 Meeting Minutes (Mike Guilfoil)

The Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were distributed, reviewed and accepted.

President's Message (Jon Kleckner)

- Jon shared the following thoughts in his opening remarks:
- LiMBO has accumulated "excess" funds and we need to consider an appropriate way to use them. One suggestion is to upgrade the website.
- Andrea Rasso is resigning her position of Newsletter Editor after 3 years.
- Jon is resigning as President after 2 years, and would like to focus on technical issues in the future, including Newsletter articles.
- Jon has generated interest in LiMBO by attending various shows and handing out extra copies of the Newsletter. Many people have never heard of LiMBO.
- The printed Newsletter still sets us apart.
- Attendance at campouts was up last year.

Financial Report (Glen Smith)

Glen has relocated to New Mexico and was unable to attend, but forwarded a detailed financial report. Glen said he is willing to continue as Treasurer.

The financial report summary is as follows:

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| • Revenues | \$6,111 | \$4,834 | +\$1,277 |
| • Expenses | \$4,913 | \$4,413 | +\$500 |
| • Net | \$1,198 | \$421 | +\$777 |
| • Balance Year End | \$15,596 | \$14,398 | +\$1,198 |

- The financial report was approved and accepted.
- Discussion ensued about what is an appropriate balance and what is a good use.
- Just spending down the balance may not be a good idea. Membership is stable, but future costs will be rising.
- Investing in new software and upgrading the website was generally agreed to be desirable. The present website is difficult to maintain and use.
- The top year for Internet viewers was 2007 – what happened? Samba became a big site and was well organized.
- We could differentiate ourselves through better technical content.
- Subsidize events - provide funds to event promoters (when requested) to be used at their discretion, i.e. buy firewood, reduce camping fees etc.

Decisions reached:

- Increase event subsidies to \$100.00. Dale Ward will be contact person.
- Create plan and get cost estimate for Website upgrade.

Membership (Steve Paine)

Following are the membership statistics:

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Active Members | 296 | 289 |
| Traditional Memberships | 195 | 210 |
| Other Traditional* | 22 | 16 |
| Internet | 86 | 70 |

Other Traditional = exchange, honorary, volunteer and free (such as prizes)

There is no mechanism in place to send renewal notices/reminders to Internet Members. John Reynolds volunteered to send out notices.

Newsletter (Andrea Rasso)

- Andrea is resigning after 3 years of providing outstanding newsletters.
- Mary-Ann Wohlfarth indicated she is willing to assume the position. Mary-Ann was a past editor of “The Transporter”.
- Jim DiGennaro will change the link on the website for Editor @LiMBO to Mary-Ann.

Transporter Printing Coordination (Nevin Lescher)

- Nevin Lescher was unable to attend. Nevin will be asked to continue coordinating printing with Konica.

Postage (Dale Ward)

- Last year it was decided to eliminate the postage meter for a saving of \$400.00 - \$500.00 per year in fees.
- Dale reported that the folding and mailing is going fine using stamps.

Newsletter Advertising (John Reynolds)

- John will continue working with advertisers on collections and renewals.
- John will contact delinquent advertisers, and if they can't be made current they will be dropped from the Newsletter and the Website.

TTT (Transporter Tourist and Traveler Directory)

- A new TTT was published last year. This year will be an update page only with new members information to be included in the next newsletter.
- Steve Paine will provide LiMBO updates; George Bossarte will provide NEATO updates.

Website (Phil Dlugolecki Webmaster; Jim DiGennaro, Nevin Lescher Web Administrators)

Phil was unable to attend, but there was a good discussion about upgrading and improving the Website. There was general agreement that we need to a major upgrade to the site, and that we are willing to pay for it. Items desired in the upgrade include:

- Self service listing of events
- Cancellation of expired members
- Integrated single password entry to protected areas
- Automatic sending of renewal notices to internet members
- Make it easier to upload photographs.
- Phil will estimate the costs and plan how to proceed. Any additional comments or ideas should be forwarded to Phil.

Area Representatives

- It was noted that some people listed as reps may no longer be members, and many have not been active.
- Representative are supposed to plan some event or activity in their area every year and send a report to the newsletter, as well as be a kind of go-to person for their area.
- John Reynolds volunteered to get updated membership status from Steve Paine and make contact. Those that have lapsed membership or are no longer interested will be dropped.

LiMBO/NEATO Relationship

NEATO is still a viable organization with 120 members and plans to continue as a club. There is no need to consider combining with LiMBO at this time.

LiMBO Mart (John Jordan)

John reported that last year we provided more items to event organizers than we sold.

- Inventory is low on most items.
- Nevin Lescher is still able to get copies of the Dometic Refrigerator (Vanagon) and Eurovan Winnebago Manuals printed in small Quantities.
- Nevin also has enough material left to make a small quantity of Hatch Sticks.
- There was discussion of making up a new batch of Hats and having a new T Shirt designed.
- It was decided that John should proceed with more hats, but hold off on the T Shirts until we see how the hats do.

Other Business

The Annual Meeting date has been changed to the last Sunday in February. The term of Officers, Directors and Volunteer Positions will now run through February. The reason is to try and avoid the worst of the winter weather. The January date had been maintained because that is when the Treasurer, Glen Smith usually visited Massachusetts on a business trip. Glen has moved to New Mexico and is unlikely to be attending.

Election of Officers, Board of Directors, Positions

Linda Manion said she would not be able to do the events listing coordination this year. Stan Wohlfarth volunteered to fill the position.

The events section of the website is not currently working.

Linda will forward a complete copy of previous listings to Stan, and Stan will work with Phil to make the events posting "self service" on the website as part of the upgrade.



Following are the Officers, Directors and Positions for 2010:

Officers (one year term):

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| President | Coy Bethune |
| Treasurer | Glen Smith, CPA |
| Clerk | Mike Guilfoil |

Directors (New, 2-year term; expires 2/27/2013)

George Bossarte
Jim DiGennaro
Rick Golen
Jon Kleckner
Nevin Lescher
Ken Madson
Steve Paine
Tom Power
Evans Waldron
Dale Ward

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Directors (second year of 2 year term; expires 2/28/2012)

Stan Wohlfarth

Note: Officers automatically serve on the Board of Directors

Positions:

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Newsletter Editor | Mary-Ann Wohlfarth |
| Membership (new) | Dale Ward |
| Membership (renewals/database) | Steve Paine |
| | Jim DiGennaro (assistant) |
| Advertising – Business: (Newsletter/TTT/Web site) | John Reynolds |
| LiMBO Mart | John Jordan |
| Legal Advisors | Rick Golen |
| | Brad Johnson |
| Events Coordinator | Stan Wohlfarth |
| Web Master | Phil Dlugolecki |
| Web Administrators | Jim DiGennaro |
| | Nevin Lescher |

Event Planning

- It is imperative that anyone planning an event gets their information in to the Events Coordinator as soon as possible for inclusion in the Newsletter and to possibly avoid conflicts.

Contact: Stan Wohlfarth
stan_wohlfarth@msn.com

Calendar - Folding Parties

A tentative Folding Party schedule was developed as shown below.

| | |
|---------|--|
| Mar 20 | Tom Power & Linda Manion, 27 Woodward Road #6B, Lincoln, RI 02865, 401-722-2119, volkswagenri@cox.net |
| May 21 | Jim DiGennaro, 34 Summer Street, Adams, MA 01220, 413-743-4968, mrlimbo@limbobus.org |
| July 24 | John Jordan, 55 Cherry St, Northborough MA, 508-393-0663, jwjordan2@verizon.net |
| Sep 18 | Mary & Steve Brawn, 8 Warren St., Millbury, MA 01527, 508-865-9859 marbrawn@gmail.com ; stephenjbrawn@gmail.com |
| Nov 20 | Coy Bethune, 12 2 nd St., Bristol RI, 401-254-2350, coyandlynn83@hotmail.com |

AMERIKANDO; THE CONCLUSION

By Andrea Rasso

They crossed the finish line into Brest, France on February 27th, 2011 marking the conclusion of Franck and Iris's two year honeymoon. While their trek across the globe has come to an end, it also marks the beginning of a brand adventure with the impending arrival of baby Louis in a few months.

In the last edition, Franck and Iris had just crossed the border from Turkey into Greece via ferry. The more they traveled northwest through Europe, the more they found familiarity in foods, culture and language. They enjoyed touring through the ancient, romantic country of Italy. They felt like carefree tourists who were actually on their honeymoon. After all the sightseeing in Italy, they crossed the border into France at the end of January. They did not travel a direct course home, yet they meandered around, visiting friends and family along the way.

The folks at Vintage Auto Haus; a VW shop in Cuzorn, France (www.vintageautohaus.com), had been following their journey and offered to have Franck and Iris come by for complimentary maintenance work to the bus.

They stayed there for three days while the bus received an oil change, as well as front and rear end work. Afterwards, they went to Limoges to visit with Pepe and Sylvie, of Vintage Imports (<http://vintageimport.over-blog.org/>), whom they met at a car show while in California.

They stayed a few days visiting with them as well. The last few weeks of their trip have been filled with so much emotion for them. They have been reflecting a lot on all they've seen and of all they've met. Driving in an older vehicle obviously brought on more issues of mechanical repair than anticipated. But fortunately, every mechanical obstacle always had a resolution- and usually came with making new friends and fond memories. In fact Franck had said that the biggest obstacle of the whole trip was to actually quitting their jobs, leaving their families and actually doing it.

Their arrival into Brest was like a parade as they were escorted by a local VW club. They were met by friends, family and many local VW enthusiasts as well.

For more info: www.Amerikando.com



COMING EVENTS CONTINUED

August 14 (Sun) Vallejo, CA - Nor-Cal Bus Fest 7 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, CA. Gates open at 8:00 am for this display and swap event, open to ALL Volkswagen buses and trucks, regardless of year, model or condition. Held on the tree-shaded lawns of the fairgrounds, this event will feature the full range of Type II's, from Barndoors to Eurovans and everything in between, as well as a kids area, music and the famous end-of-the-day raffle. General admission is still only \$10 per adult which includes entry, display and/or swap space. For further information please visit www.busfest.net or call 925-667-7101 for recorded information.

September 2011

September 2-5 (Fri-Mon) Mark Twain Lake, MO - Buses Nowhere Near The Arch #26 (B.N.N.T.A.) at "group" campsite, Indian Creek Recreational Area located right on Mark Twain Lake, which is about 30 miles west of Hannibal, Missouri. Any and all VW's are welcome to enjoy this BNNTA family-oriented camping event. Featuring VW camping on a 22 mile long lake, an informal VW Bus show, best individual and group campsite decoration contest, scenic countryside caravan on Sat. to historic Hannibal, MO (the childhood hometown of Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. "Mark Twain"), show awards and door prizes, campfire activities, etc. Our campground is lakeside, so bring your water toys (canoes, kayaks, etc.). The campground is built/managed by Corp of Engineers with very nice facilities, clean bathrooms and shower facilities, a playground and a huge pavilion for our sole use. We restrict access to the campground to only VWs, so you won't wake up in the morning staring at the side of a motor home, just the beautiful sight of VWs of all types sprawling off into the distance! The "total" event/camping fee for each VW for the entire four day weekend is only \$30. Yep! A total of only \$30! And if you have something VW related that you want to donate to the door prize pool, please bring it along. You can check out our simple web site for more details and info: <http://www.bnnta.com>.

September 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Flanders, NJ - All air-cooled gathering at the swim and sport club, 272 Emmans Rd., Flanders, NJ 07836. Gates open at 2pm on Sat. for camping and 8am on Sun. for show and swap meet. Air-cooled vehicles only in show, all vehicles welcome for camping or swap meet. On-site bar with very reasonable prices, great kitchen and live music. Activities throughout the day for clubs, kids and everyone. No BYO alcohol or pets allowed. For more info e-mail: jeffrey@CJVWS.com or call 908-377-5577.

September 18 (Sun) Millbury, MA - LiMBO newsletter folding party at Steve and Mary Braun's, 8 Warren St., Millbury, MA 01257. E-mail marbraun@gmail.com or call 508-865-9859.

October 2011

Oct 7-10 (Fri-Mon) Watkins Glen, New York - Westies at Watkins X in the Finger Lakes of New York - the EMPIRE STATE! 10th year in the running at the birthplace of road racing!! This is a premier LiMBO camping event sponsored by the Empire VW Camping Club! All VWs are welcomed. We have our own loop at the Watkins Glen State Park - No reservations required - pay as you show up when you get there (approx. \$20/night). Discover the beauty of the Watkins Glen Gorge and beautiful surrounding Finger Lakes Region of New York. Activities for all, including antiquing, hiking, biking, caravanning, wine tasting, and campfire festivities. Communal breakfast burritos served Saturday morning. Pot Luck Saturday night - bring a dish to share. T-Shirts available, raffles and door prizes. Vendors welcome. Optional racetrack event on Sun. Oct 9th. We will take our VWs on the Watkins Glen International Racetrack for three laps on "Thunder Road". \$15 per vehicle to drive on the track. For directions or additional details contact Joel: e-mail: jcort@rochester.rr.com or cell (585)690-8145. Checkout pictures from past years at LiMBObus.org and: www.westies-at-watkins.org.

Oct. 9 (Sun) Brookline, MA—Transporterfest/VW day at the Larz Anderson auto museum (www.larzanderson.org). Join us for the 26th annual celebration of all things VW on the beautiful lawn at the MOT. Always a fun time and you never know what you might find in the swap or at the show. 9:30am till 3:30pm, early-birds and vendors can show up at 9am. Show registration is still only \$15 and includes everyone in the vehicle and admission to the car museum. Limited vendor spots are \$25. Camping the night before. E-mail Stanagon for more info: stan_wohlfarth@msn.com or call 508-333-7813.

November 2011

November 20 (Sun) Bristol, RI - LiMBO newsletter folding party at Coy and Lynn Bethune's, 12 2nd St., Bristol, RI. E-mail: coyandlynn83@hotmail.com or call 401-254-2350.

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PARTING SHOT



Photo by Stan Wohlfarth

Madelyn Wohlfarth relaxing at West River Westies, in Bald Mountain Campground, Vermont, July 2010

