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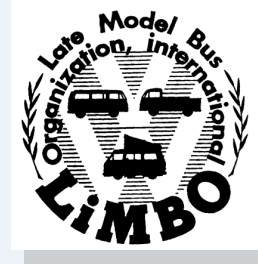
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# Midwest scene: Bugfest @ Fox Valley VW in West Chicago, Illinois

by Jerry Spellman



A beautiful red and white split window bus was voted "best of show" at the annual bugfest presented by **Fox Valley Volkswagen** and the **Northeast Illinois Volkswagen Association**. The dealership is located in West Chicago, Illinois. It was one of those hot, sunny days, but that failed to perturb show car owners, swap space entrepreneurs, visiting spectators, little kids, big kids, come along spouses, future significant others, caring friends, and promising helpers, all of whom shared stories, traded advice, laughed freely, examined critically, praised openly, and recreated happily.



There were 16 classes (awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) including Beetles (early, late, super), Convertibles, Buses, Watercooleds, Type IIIs, Things, Buggies, and Special Interests. Every class had

entries. Judging was by participants, food available by vender, music via DJ, parts from swappers, entertainment from all who came. **NIVA** club members and **FOX** staff prepared the grounds, administered the show, offered hospitality, and eventually relaxed at home! There were, after all, 98 show cars registered (an increase for this show in recent years.) There were, as usual, new cars to see. There were, expectedly, veteran and new acquaintances to meet. There were, of course, happy Sunday travelers.

Thanks **FOX** and thanks **NIVA**.

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**Idle Chatter**

When I go to antique stores I like to look through their post cards and old magazines. Of course, I'm looking for post cards with VWs on them and old VW ads in the magazines, I've gotten some pretty cool ones! With the post cards its usually old images from European cities from the 50s, and 60s, that happen to have old VWs parked on their streets. The VW ads are those classic ones from "Life" and other magazines from the 50's-70's. I'm starting to get a decent collection, a couple I've matted and hung on the wall including one with a Beetle that says "live below your means". This is to remind us of this better way to live.

Like so many we've gotten in over our heads living beyond our means. We've taken a finance class and are getting things in order. That starts with cutting up credit cards being serious about saving, you know like our parents and grand-parents did, so that there is cash to buy things we really need instead of CHARGING again. Also learning to forgo some of those wants that we don't really need. The credit monster is a cycle that can be hard to get out of and indeed it takes hard work, but it is definitely worth it. After a while you feel a weight has been taken off of you. Don't worry about what the other guy or gal has. Are they happy or are they stressed out? The other big thing we learned was "The Snowball Method" of debt reduction: While making minimum payments on your other debts put as much as you can on your smallest debt. This will pay it off the quickest (because it is the smallest amount.) When that bill is gone, because you have worked it in to your budget, you put that amount along with the minimum payment you have been paying on the next smallest debt. When that is paid off you roll that amount into the next smallest, and so on and so on. The amount grows each time, hence the snowball name and it really works. Once you've got a lot of that debt paid down you can get some of those wants. Well that's it for the finance class, I hope I helped more than bored you good folks.

We'll see ya around the campfire! -Coy



## End of an Era...

You have in your hand the final hard copy multi-page format paper newsletter that LiMBO will print. Don't worry, LiMBO is not going anywhere. We're here to stay. But times are changing and we must change with it. The main change will be the newsletter.

For nearly 25 years, *The Transporter*, has been the life-blood of LiMBO. But with the invention of the internet, the days of the good old fashion paper newsletters are coming to an end. In this up to the minute, microwave, drive thru, I want it now world, no one wants or needs to wait for two months for a paper newsletter

So what will you get for your money? Glad you asked. Email newsletters! LiMBO and *The Transporter* are going paperless. We have signed up with Constant Contact and we'll be sending out monthly, -sometimes more - emails. The info will be fresh and its a good way to send updates and reminders of upcoming events.

You're probably thinking, I don't want to pay 25 dollars a year for an email. Good news there too. LiMBO's annual membership fee will drop as well. Membership dues will now be ten dollars per year.

You'll still get quality VW bus news, camping stories and great tech articles, but in a different format. Going paperless will also help the environment as well as save time and money.

The email format will be a more compact and loaded with the information you really care about. The monthly eMail will not include some departments, like the Area reps, swap area and LiMBOmart. You can always find this information and more, updated regularly, at our website: [www.LiMBObus.org](http://www.LiMBObus.org). Though, occasionally, we might post a LiMBO-mart sale item.

Now to ensure that you continue to get *The Transporter*, we need you to update your email address with our membership coordinator, Steve Paine: [spaine13@comcast.net](mailto:spaine13@comcast.net)

Drop Steve an email, nothing fancy, just a note to say, "Hi, I wanna make sure you have my eMail so I'll continue to get *The Transporter*." Now, if you absolutely have no way of getting your newsletter via eMail, we can try to make some arrangement. Call us, 508-842-2121.

## All good things...

You might have heard, that our sister club NEATO called it quits in February. Lack of submissions, time and membership as well as the internet all played its hand in NEATO's demise.

I know a few LiMBO members are also NEATO members – myself included– and I want to invite any and all former NEATO members to join up with LiMBO.

LiMBO has always welcomed anyone who has wanted to join-regardless if you had a bus or not- into the club. Our buses aren't getting any younger and the loss of NEATO hits home how we need to stick together and welcome all bus brothers. While the club's name won't change, I'm proposing we modify the club "charter" to include all buses from 1950 to present.

As editor, I've always welcomed any submission and will continue to do so. I'd like to add more split window bus content to the newsletter. So feel free to send me what you can.

NEATO also offered event insurance. They had taken out a policy and offered rider certificates to anyone who was putting on a VW event so they were covered in the event of an injury or some other occurrence that might cause harm to someone attending the event. LiMBO is going to take over the policy and I'll be the contact person for it, so if anyone would like more info, please contact me: [mrlimbo@limbobus.org](mailto:mrlimbo@limbobus.org). It is open to any LiMBO member who is promoting a VW related event and wants or needs insurance coverage. There isn't any set fees, but right now LiMBO is asking for a donation to help cover the cost of the insurance. Show season is just getting fired up, if you need event insurance, don't delay.

Speaking of show season. Its looking to be another great year. There are quite a few campout scheduled, check out the listings on page 10. I'm hoping to attend as many as possible, but there are only so many weekends. I'm definitely planning on attending West River Westies in Townsend, VT. Its one of my favorites– well, after Transporters by the Tunnel. Tubing down the West River, the regatta and the potluck supper and raffle are always a lot of fun. Hope to see you there, or some where this summer.

Next issue, I'll tell you about my little head gasket fiasco. How just a 'simple' job turns into a major project. Complete with two replacement cylinders and a head.

Enjoy the last paper issue of LiMBO. After you've finished reading it, perhaps put it in a frame and place it on the VW shrine with the rest of your collectables. Perhaps in a hundred years, it might be worth.. Something. ;)

Until next time...Keep on busin' - *Jim D.*

# 2013 LiMBO Annual Meeting

The 2013 Annual meeting was held on Sunday March 3, 2013 at the home of Carolyn Jordan and Alex Jordan in Northborough, MA.

The following members were present:

Name	Position (present)
Bethune, Coy	President, Director
Bossarte, Dameian	Member
Bossarte, George	Director
Brawn, Mary	Member
Brawn, Stephen	Member
DiGennaro, Jim (via Skype)	Director, Web Administrator, Pay Pal Administrator
Guilfoil, Mike	Clerk, Director
Jordan, Alex	Member
Jordan, Carolyn	Member
Kleckner, Jon	Director
Lescher, Nevin (via Skype)	Director, Web Administrator, Newsletter Printing Coordinator
Manion, Linda	Member
Power, Tom	Director
Reavis, Darryl	Member
Reynolds, John	Advertising
Smith, Glen (via Skype)	Treasurer, Director
Ward, Dale	Director, Membership (new members)
Wohlfarth, Stan	Director, Events Listing Coordinator

## 2011 Meeting Minutes (Mike Guilfoil)

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were distributed, reviewed and accepted.

## President's Message (Coy Bethune)

Coy shared the following thoughts in his opening remarks:

- Good year for LiMBO
- While membership appears to be static or dwindling, the "loyalists" are still having a good time.
- There were no issues or problems at events in 2012.
- The LiMBO-Mart was expanded with new items.

## Financial Report (Glen Smith)

Glen was able to attend on videoconference from New Mexico, Glen forwarded the financial reports and copies were available at the meeting. Glen said he is willing to continue as Treasurer.

The financial report summary is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Revenues	\$2,112	\$3,072	\$-960
Expenses	\$3,846	\$4,803	\$-957
Net	\$-1,734	\$-1,731	\$-2
Balance Year End	\$12,419	\$14,153 (adjusted)	\$-1,734

The financial statements are prepared on a "cash basis" so they reflect only actual balances.

Notes to Financial Statements:

LiMBO lost money again in 2012. Expenses exceeded income by \$1,734. Declining membership dues accounts for the loss in 2012.

The club still has two checking accounts. Glen can close the old account in Maryland when the Paypal coordinator (Jim DiGennaro) redirects the Paypal receipts to the new account in New Mexico.

There was only one bill for the Transporter editor in 2012.

Total combined newsletter related costs remain the largest expense. The largest single expense continues to be for "Internet expenses", followed by money provided to event coordinators

Other Income (primarily Paypal) shows a large increase year over year. The membership dues account had a substantial decrease. The increase in "other income" may be due in part from membership dues being paid via Paypal. Glen has no visibility as to the make-up of Paypal deposits. The Paypal administrator should be able to provide a breakdown of the source of Paypal deposits.

The club ended 2012 with a relatively large cash balance. The club could probably support its activities for another four to five years if there are no significant changes in revenue or expenses.

The financial report was approved and accepted.

## Membership (Steve Paine)

- Following are the membership statistics:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Active Members	280	+24	256
Traditional Memberships	178	+10	168
Other Traditional*	23	+1	22
Internet	86	+13	73

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

- Due to the sporadic newsletter production in 2012, no “delinquent” members were dropped in 2012. Totals may not present an accurate picture of current active members.
- Any renewals that were received were renewed starting with their payment date.

#### Newsletter (Jim DiGennaro)

- Mary-Ann Wohlfarth was not able to continue as editor after the spring issue. Jim DiGennaro volunteered to take on the position again and was able to produce two more issues for a total of three newsletters in 2012.
- A lack of content submissions from members continues to be a problem.
- The idea of going to an electronic only newsletter was again discussed. Stan Wohlfarth uses “Constant Contact” for his business newsletter (Stan’s Classic Service). Stan’s cost is \$15.00 per month. On the downside, there is a limit of 4 photos per newsletter. Stan will see if there options available for more photos.
- A vote was taken and it was decided to go to the electronic newsletter using Constant Contact.
- One more printed version of the Transporter will be published, with the change in format prominently announced. Members will need to make sure that their current email address is on file in the membership database. (Steve Paine – spaine13@comcast.net)
- The goal is to produce a bi-monthly newsletter.
- Dale Ward will work with Steve Paine to put together the mailing list.
- Membership dues will be reduced to \$10.00 per year.

#### Transporter Printing Coordination (Nevin Lescher)

- The position will be eliminated after the next/last issue of the printed newsletter. Nevin will notify Konica of the upcoming change and thank them for their outstanding service over the years.

#### Newsletter Advertising (John Reynolds)

- John has not had any results from his efforts to get advertisers to renew their ads. There are only a few paid advertisers at present.
- John will solicit ads for the website from past and present advertisers. The rate will be \$25.00 per year.

#### TTT (Transporter Tourist and Traveler Directory)

- No action will be taken this year.
- We will look into an electronic version for next year.
- We have plenty of copies of the last issue available.

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

- Phil was not in attendance.
- The website has been getting little action. The perception is that it is getting stale.
- John Reynolds volunteered to scan past tech articles to post on the website.

#### Area Representatives

- The position of Area Representative /Ambassador will be eliminated.

#### LiMBO Mart (Coy Bethune)

- Coy Bethune operated the LiMBO Mart this year and added a number of new items. Items currently available in the Mart include:
  - T-shirts
  - Hats
  - Clings
  - Patches
  - Small Sun catchers
  - Large Sun catchers
  - Tote Bags
  - Duffle Bags
  - Back Packs

- Coy began taking photographs of the items to post on the website, but they came out too dark. New photographs will be taken and Jim DiGennaro will post them on the website.
- Ideas for new merchandise included Cutting Boards and Cookie Cutters. Coy will investigate the feasibility of introducing these items and report back.
- A new batch of Can Cozies will be ordered.
- Expenses for new inventory purchases were \$524.15, sales totaled \$284.75, loss for the year was \$(239.40).

#### New Business

##### NEATO Closure/Event Insurance

The NEATO Board voted to dissolve the club. George Bossarte (former NEATO board member) noted that NEATO carried an umbrella insurance policy for a cost of \$1500.00 per year. The insurance company would issue separate riders for specific events, and NEATO would receive funds from the event sponsors to defray the cost of the umbrella policy. George proposed that LiMBO consider taking over this service as a means of covering LiMBO events and possibly gaining new members from the now defunct NEATO and event sponsors. Discussion was lively with mixed views for the need to do this since most LiMBO events are held at venues that have their own insurance, i.e. private campgrounds, Museum of Transportation etc. The big questions revolved around LiMBO taking on the financial obligation, who would administer it, the legality of taking over the policy and providing insurance to non-LiMBO members and events. Based on Jim DiGennaro’s interest in the program and willingness to be the administrator the following decisions were made:

- Jim DiGennaro will contact Jim Bryant (NEATO treasurer) and J.C. Taylor Insurance to find out the details of the of the operation and find out if it would cover camping events and “get togethers” as well as shows, and if LiMBO would be able to take over the policy/operation from NEATO.
- IF the results of the investigation are positive, then LiMBO will be willing to do a one-year trial.
- Any one who uses the policy will be required to be LiMBO member.

##### NEATO Members

- George Bossarte will request permission to give LiMBO NEATO’S member email list. LiMBO would send the ex-NEATO members the first copy of the e-newsletter and invite them to join LiMBO>

##### Event Sponsorship

- Sponsorship funding for LiMBO events will be reduced to \$75.00 from \$100.00.

##### Fund Raising

- A “Donate Here” button will be added to the website for members/other users who would like to support the club. Phil Dlugolecki and Jim DiGennaro will have to implement this feature.

#### Election of Officers, Board of Directors, Positions

- Nevin Lescher indicated he did not want to be nominated for another term on the Board of Directors.

Following are the Officers, Directors and Positions for 2013:

Officers (one year term):

President	Coy Bethune
Treasurer	Glen Smith, CPA
Clerk	Mike Guilfoil

Directors (second year of 2-year term; expires 2/28/2014)

Stan Wohlfarth

Directors (new- first year of year of 2 year term; expires 2/28/2015)

George Bossarte  
 Jim DiGennaro  
 Rick Golen  
 Jon Kleckner  
 Ken Madson  
 Steve Paine  
 Tom Power

Evans Waldron

Dale Ward

Note: Officers automatically serve on the Board of Directors

Positions:

Newsletter Editor Jim DiGennaro  
 Membership (new) Dale Ward  
 Membership (renewals/database) Steve Paine  
 Membership (on-line enrollments) Jim DiGennaro

Advertising John Reynolds

LiMBO Mart Coy Bethune

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. See Events page 10

## Classifieds:

Available or Wanted submission:

As a member of LiMBO you are entitled to a free classified ad each issue. 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 3 of this issue.

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## STRETCHING YOUR IMAGINATION

### T3 (AKA Vanagon) Limousine

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(Story sent in by David Eccles, Editor VW Camper and Commercial magazine [www.volkswagencamper.co.uk](http://www.volkswagencamper.co.uk) –ed.)

You've seen a stretch Limo Hummer, Lincoln and Mercedes? Nothing unusual there, but how many people will believe you when you say you have seen an 8.5 metre long Volkswagen Bus? And no we are not talking the BBT Split Limo, instead we have a very special car – a scratch built T3 Limo complete with three axles and a sumptuous interior worthy of any Hollywood A lister to be seen in!

It has been built by Christian Lemke and Stefan Schreiber at their garage in Berlin, along with help from good friends Berni, Jense, Kasi, Steffen, Chrille and Martin. The workshop specializes in Volkswagen busses. When these serious petrol heads get together over a few beers lots of mad schemes get talked about – most of which just remain as crazy ideas. But this one took their fancy and then the question was asked, "Can we do this?" And of course the answer is "Yes we can!"

These boys are serious professionals, and as the idea took hold they were clear about one thing – this would have to be done properly – no home built DIY look! A classy limo would mean quality work. The first job was to take expert advice on the



roadworthiness and feasibility of such an idea, as the vehicle would have to be inspected and tested for legal road use and meet all safety regulations.

Five donor T3 buses were needed to make an 8.5 metre long body, which features a 2.5 metre sliding door! Lots of chassis strengthening and reinforcing had to be welded in to prevent the middle sagging, as VW found with their first bus prototypes in 1949. To provide stability it was decided to fit twin axles at the rear and over 3000 hours of work has gone into the finished bus, but the end result is a real eye catcher! The exterior look is understated, with Ice White paint contrasting with dark tinted windows, black body trim, black headlight surround / grills, black spoiler and smoked glass light lenses. And to ensure the paparazzi are left standing by the curb, a Passat 180bhp V6 TDI engine provides speed and power with an automatic gearbox to make for a smooth ride for the passengers. And of course there are disc brakes behind all alloy rims!



And to ensure the paparazzi are left standing by the curb, a Passat 180bhp V6 TDI engine provides speed and power with an automatic gearbox to make for a smooth ride for the passengers. And of course there are disc brakes behind all alloy rims!

But it's not only the exterior styling and sleek looks that make this bus a bit special – open the huge sliding door for your sumptuous hotel bar on wheels. For complete privacy all the rear windows are tinted

dark, meaning no-one can see what you are getting up to! A luxuriously curvy couch wraps round three sides, upholstered in two tone grey leather, and with a deep red base to bring in some color. Diamond stitch pattern center panels and red piping provide contrast. The curving lines of the top and front seat edges are matched by the curves in the center contrast sections, making for a luxury designer look.

On the sides behind the driver / front cab is the bar, complete with racks for glasses, wine and bottle holders and champagne bucket. The quality lead crystal glasses come in



champagne flutes, classic wine glass or shot tumblers; something for every

tipple. In the center is a huge 47" TV / DVD screen, able to play 3D movies or play video games on the integrated Playstation 3. Bar shelves, speaker cabinets and TV housing are finished in the



same red as the rear couch base and the sound system contains 12 Rainbow speakers and is powered by 4 IPaul amplifiers.



LED lights are mounted in the seat base and the roof to provide a variety of ambient lighting settings, and the bar is lit by downlighters to set the mood.

But perhaps the best light comes from another special feature – a huge roof opening skylight.

It is a hard decision if the seat in the cockpit or in the passenger compartment is the best, as the cab area is as luxurious and comfortable as the rear part. Leather cab seat upholstery matches the rear couch and all interior panels have been trimmed in light grey leather with the same diamond stitch design.



The dashboard has been made from two

Passat dashboards and covered in black leather to match the T5 steering wheel, whilst red facing to match that in the rear has been used to



frame the entertainment center controls. An extra dash monitor is mated to a camera so that activities in the rear area can be kept a watchful eye on!

The Limo is not just a demonstrator to wow crowds at shows and events however, it is also available for hire for that very special celeb style occasion!

More Information and pictures can be found at [www.bulli-limo.de](http://www.bulli-limo.de)

## The Canadian Winter Bus Campout 2013

By Greg Potts.

Get this: The Canadian Winter Bus Campout 2013 set a new record for the number of buses!!!

Unfortunately, it was a record low.

The only bus that made it out was my Dad's 75 westy, which was piloted by my brother Brent. My own fleet was grounded at home with minor mechanical maladies that work, weather and other life complications had prevented me from attending to.

I did consider bailing out. Earlier in the week I was more than a little concerned about the weather. As you may recall, the entire northeast took a pretty big beating that week and I had even had to take a "snow day" on the Friday before camp, as the roads near home were just too treacherous for safe travel. But when I awoke the next morning the sky was the that awesome Saturday shade of blue and I just knew I was destined for camping that day. Bus camp needed to be attended to. If I didn't haul the trailer-load of firewood, things would not be pretty.

So we shoved ourselves out and I borrowed a comfortable all wheel drive SUV and hooked up the trailer and stuffed in a gaggle of teenagers and their gear and off we went. With stops for food, gas, more food and so on, we got to camp around 2:30PM. Still lots of daylight left, which was a good since there was a tent that needed to be set up.

After we unloaded the camping gear from the trailer we parked it near the fire pit, since the remainder of the load was firewood, about 40 cubic feet of hardwood planks scavenged from a local warehouse. They were dry and burn very clean. Once the fire was built up a bit the tent got dealt with and the kids went off for a hike.

There were 9 people camping at TCWBC13, and 7 visitors came to join us for a while at the fire. Good food and drink were consumed, and although the mercury plunged to -23C (-9.4F) on Sunday morning there were no complaints about the cold. They say preparation is everything in Winter Camping, and they are right. Lots of carbs also help.

What more can I add? I dunno. If you weren't there, you missed out on a good time. All ten True Canadian Winter Bus Campouts have helped immensely to break up the monotony of a seemingly endless string of long cold winter nights.

If you're inclined, put it in your calendar for next year, we'll do it the weekend before Valentine's day at Valens Conservation Area just north of Hamilton Ontario.

Happy Trails, Greg Potts <http://www.pottsfamily.ca/>  
<http://www.busesofthecorn.ca/>

## COMING EVENTS!

Coming Events is the place to get your bus or VW related event listed! Please send the vital stats: date, time, location, activities, costs, and contact person/phone number or address. Plan ahead and list your event early for maximum participation.

Send to: **Coming Events, c/o Stan Wohlfarth 29 Woodland Road Wayland, MA 01778**

**BEST: [events@limbobus.org](mailto:events@limbobus.org)**

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

### April

**April 26 to 28 (Fri - Sun) Montague, NJ, Rockview Valley Campground Tri-State Buses. LIMBO Transporters Rites of Spring.** Start off the camping season with your fellow bus owners in beautiful upstate New Jersey! \$30 a night per bus. We have a Rally field with 32 hookups with water, electric, and cable for each bus. Electric hookup uses the older large RV style 115 volt plug. Please bring one for yourself! Reservations can be made directly through campground. Tell them your with the VW group in the Rally Field. Check in on Friday is 3:00 pm, checkout on Sunday is 12:00 pm. Bathroom facilities with FREE hot showers next to office near main entrance. A change from last year, instead of having a potluck breakfast we will be having a Potluck International Dinner. Everyone participating in the potluck should make a dish from their ethnic or cultural background. Pets are allowed. Rockview Valley Campground, 59 River Road, Montague, NJ 07827 Ph: (973) 293-3383 Website: [www.rockviewvalley.com/](http://www.rockviewvalley.com/) email: [info@rockviewvalley.com](mailto:info@rockviewvalley.com) If you call or email them PLEASE make sure to tell them your with the VW group in the Rally Field and that I have an agreed price with John. You can also email the host David Lorenc (Routan Dave) with questions at [tristatebuses@gmail.com](mailto:tristatebuses@gmail.com)

### May

**May 24-27 Westies In The Woods** is in its 22nd continuous year. As many LIMBO members are aware, and if you are not I will offer a short update. As of approx 6 years ago Stokes Forest imposed a limit on the amount of vehicles allowed on group sites. Past promoters of Westies In The Woods decided to not run the event anymore because of this issue. I took over the event so that there was no lapse in its continuity. This past year Stokes Forest also raised the fee for campers, with out of state residents paying a little more. As of the date of this posting there are 10 spots available. The event fills up every year and everyone has a good time. The fee is a PER VEHICLE fee, and is for the entire weekend. \$30 for in state residents \$40 for out of state residents Saturday night is Pot Luck Dinner and Sunday morning is most likely going to be a waffle cook out. As soon as you pay, your spot is reserved. There are no refunds. Any questions please let me know. Kevin [kjicehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:kjicehouse@hotmail.com)

**May 19th Great Barrington, MA.** Arlo Guthrie's 13th annual walk for Huntingtons Disease - come to The Guthrie Center between 8:30-9:45 to register, then get a ride in a groovy microbus to Alice's Restaurant (Theresa's Stockbridge Cafe) where you can get breakfast & begin the 6.3 mile walk back to the church passing the "police officers station" where you can salute Chief Wilcox on his retirement, swing by the town dump where you will be sure to be entertained then on to some ice cream & shrimp cocktail finally stopping by at Robby's Souttube Studio & AmeriGas. Once you get back to TGC, stay for some lunch & entertainment! What a great day of friends, fun & fundraising for Huntingtons Disease! Visit [www.freewebs.com/hdwalk](http://www.freewebs.com/hdwalk) for more info & sponsor forms

### June

**JUNE 7-9, Join us for our 13th Annual Buses by the Big Duck Volkswagen Campout;** Riverhead, Long Island at Indian Island Park County Rte 105 Riverhead, NY 11901 2013 campground fee is \$32 per night for non-county residents. Local Suffolk County residents pay \$18 per night, but must have a Green Key Park Pass (\$20, good for three years & available at park office). Your CASH ONLY payment will be collected by Andrea at the group site upon arrival, but you must check in at the park office first for a dash tag. As usual, we will be in Group site #2 and #4. Water and electric. We never run out of room. Last minute arrivals are always welcome. Bring your bikes, bathing suits, canoes and kayaks for use at the campground beach. We will caravan to the Big Duck Saturday for a group photo. Pot luck dinner and Chinese Auction/door prizes Saturday night. Hosts: Andrea and Brad Rasso contact us at: [rassovw@hotmail.com](mailto:rassovw@hotmail.com) check out website at: <http://arasso.tripod.com>

**June 16 Harwinton, CT - Litchfield Bug-in.** Premier VW show in New England. Harwinton Fairgrounds All VW Car Show = 40 Classes - 100 Awards - Best of Show Awards. Swap Meet - New Parts Vendors Swap meet with over 75 vendors outside and inside in buildings last year - 329 Show Cars. Overnight Camping with clean restrooms and hot showers - \$15/vehicle. Restrooms open Sat from 4pm to 10pm - Portable bathrooms from 10pm to 6am - Restroom reopen Sun at 6am. Chuck Pisconski - Email: [vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net) (860)-283-5256

**June 21-23 Duncannon, PA. Vanagons In the Valley III** - We are going back to the Riverfront Campground in Duncannon, PA. This is a sweet spot with a beautiful view of the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers. Our whole area is shaded by trees, and a great spot for a little kayaking or fishing. The store has fishing supplies and snacks, and they will haul you up river with your kayaks as well. Other stores and restaurants, Antiques store, as well as the Red-Rabbit and the Millersburg Ferry, are all minutes away. Camping will be \$15/van/night - that gives us enough for the campground, a little for the musicians, and covers the portapots. Please spread the word, if you know someone who wants to come, but is not on Facebook, please tell them to email [valleyvanagons@gmail.com](mailto:valleyvanagons@gmail.com). Thanks!

## July

**July 12-14 (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 the potluck supper and bucket raffle. 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 wagon masters. e-mail: [nesu@cox.net](mailto:nesu@cox.net).

**July 14 - (Sun) The CVA's 9th Annual Volks-Meet at it's "NEW LOCATION"** Address: Westbrook Elks Club 142 Seaside Ave. Westbrook, Ct. 06498. Show is open to all Volkswagen and German cars, owners and fans. Dash plaques and goody bags to the first 100 cars. Come and spend a hot summer day with your vdub at the beach! Directions, I-95 North or South take Exit 65, turn South onto Rt.153, turn South onto Rt.1, and turn left onto Seaside Ave. Time: 9am-2pm. \$10 for show cars, \$20 for any size swap space, and general admission: FREE! Be sure to check out our website for Hotel and Off Site Camping information For more info please call: Bill Arute (860) 395-9964 [bill@ctvwa.org](mailto:bill@ctvwa.org) or Chris [chris@ctvwa.org](mailto:chris@ctvwa.org)

**July 21-28, 2013 High Country Bus Festival** - <http://www.highcountrybusfestival.com>

## August

**Aug. 1 -4 (Thur-Sun) Jim Thorpe, PA - Mauch Chunk Lake Park campout.** Join us for the 4th year of great camping at Mauch Chunk Lake Park Campground just outside of Jim Thorpe, PA. No reservations required! Price is \$4/person/night. Shady camping under the trees. Water spigot available in the group area. Flush toilets and showers nearby. Pot luck dinner Sat. night in the adjacent pavilion. Kids craft activities on Friday. Lake with boat access (launch permit required- electric motor only), rental canoes, kayaks and row boats available or bring your own, fishing (PA license required 16 and older), Sandy beach

with lifeguards, snack bar, biking and hiking trails. Minutes from historic Jim Thorpe, PA...ride the train, whitewater rafting on the Lehigh River Gorge, bike or hike the rail trail through the Gorge, Old Jail tour, Mansion tour, coal mines tour and more!!! So much to do in the area! **IMPORTANT RULES: NO DOGS/PETS** in the campground. Sorry, County Park rules apply. **NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Red Cups and keep it discreet, please! We have gone 4 years with no problems and we'd like to keep it that way. **HOSTED BY** Ken and Malissa Weikel: [missnken@dejazzd.com](mailto:missnken@dejazzd.com). Website for park: <http://tinyurl.com/bbwtwvp>

**August 3rd (Sat) Shrewsbury, MA- Volks-Vair Fair** Herberts Candy Manson.10AM to 3PM All air-cooled VW and Corvair show and swap meet. Sponsored by The Bug Club and Colonial Corvair club. Info: Email: [limbo@limbobus.org](mailto:limbo@limbobus.org)

**August 4th (Sun) Acton, ME—24th Annual Vactionland VW Assoc all VW car show.** Acton fairground, RT. 109 Acton, ME. All VW car show and swap meet. Multiple show classes with awards to third place. Kids games, water balloon toss and hot wheels races. More info: [mainevwclub.org](mailto:mainevwclub.org). Email: [twohearts@metrocast.net](mailto:twohearts@metrocast.net)

**August 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) Greenwich, RI - Buses by the Barn** held at Oak Embers Campground 219 Escoheag Hill Rd. W. Greenwich R.I. \$35 pr night, if we get 10 or more buses we get a 10% discount! They have a nice pool, the "Barn" for our pot-luck on Sat. night, hay rides kids games and more! Across the street is Stepping Stone Ranch if you'd like to go horseback riding. Arcadia Park is around the corner for hiking, Kayaking and canoeing! Also around the corner is the Tomaguag Indian Museum. Please call Coy Bethune at (401) 254-2350 so we can have a head count for the campground office See ya there!

**August 11 (Sun)Terryville, CT, Terryville Fairgrounds Connecticut Bug-a-fair** all VW car show 9:00 am to 3:00 PM Overnight Camping - \$15/vehicle Car Show = 40 Classes - Over 100 Awards Swap Meet - New Parts Vendors - Games for Kids Dash Plaques to First 300 Registered Cars Spectator Admission = \$9.00, Kids Under 12 = Free Car Show Admission = \$15.00 (Car & Driver) Event Proceeds Benefit Terryville Lions Club Swap Spaces (20'x20') - \$30/Space, Vendors (20'x20') - \$30/Space Food & Indoor Restrooms Available Awards at 3:30 PM Registration Closes at 12 Noon Judging Starts at 12:00 Noon contact Chuck Pisconski - Email: [vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vwsplitman@sbcglobal.net) (860)-283-5256

## September

**September 20-21-22, 2013 (Fri-Sun) Westies at Watkins XII** Watkins Glen, New York in the Finger Lakes of New York! 12th 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. Westies are not required; but great to camp in. We have our own loop at the Watkins Glen State Park - This year we will stay in the SENECA VILLAGE Loop. No reser-

ations required – pay-as-you-go when you get there (~\$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 to wineries, museums and local brewery, wine tasting, and campfire festivities. Communal breakfast burritos served Saturday morning. Pot Luck Saturday night - bring a dish to share. T-Shirts will be available & Raffles and door prizes. Vendors are welcome. (Optional) Racetrack events on SUNDAY September 22nd - We will take our VWs on the Watkins Glen International Racetrack for a three laps on Thunder Road. (~\$15 per vehicle). Come on the track or in the grand stands. For directions or additional details on this campout and race track events contact Joel – Westies at Watkins camp counselor [jcort@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcort@rochester.rr.com) CELL (585) 690-8145 Check out the website for more info: [www.westies-at-watkins.org](http://www.westies-at-watkins.org)

## October

**Oct. 13 (Sun) Brookline, MA – Transporterfest/ Volkswagen Day.** Join us for the 28th annual gathering of the Buses, and all VWs, on the historic lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA. Open to all VWs and swap meet sellers as well. No pre-registration, just show up on the day of the show. Event is rain or shine with on-site food vendor and indoor restrooms. \$20 show registration also includes auto museum admission for all in vehicle, vendor spots are \$25. Contact Stan via e-mail for vendor or pre-show camping information: [stan\\_wohlfarth@msn.com](mailto:stan_wohlfarth@msn.com), or call if necessary: 508-333-7813.

**Oct. 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Bustoberbest at Blue Rocks campout.** Sponsored by LiMBO and Go Westy. Blue Rocks Campground; Lenhartsville, PA. \$32 a night. We have group site 116 booked (sorry, no water/elec hookups on the group site). This is our favorite site, just past the boulder field. Bring contributions for the beer and wine tasting event on Saturday afternoon and contribution for potluck on Saturday eve. It is Halloween weekend at the campground with trick or treating and costume party. Lots to do at campground and surrounding area such as Cabelas, Deitrich famous PA Dutch meat market and you can hike part of the Appalachian Trail right from campground. Reservations can be made directly to the campground ...you must tell them you are on site 116 with the Rasso's and the VW group. You can just register and pay upon arrival as well. contact me: Andrea for more info at: [rassovw@hotmail.com](mailto:rassovw@hotmail.com) campground info: Blue Rocks Family Campground, 341 Soursley Road, Lenhartsville, Pa 19534, (610)756-6366 <http://www.bluerockscampground.com/>

## VW's in the news...

### VW Bulli production hopes dead

*By Seyth Miersma Autoblog*



[Volkswagen](#) had a lot going on at this year's [Paris Motor Show](#), including, it seems, dishing to Britain's *What Car?* about some product plans.

VW board member Ulrich Hackenberg has gone on record saying that the [Bulli](#) concept van, as shown at the last [Geneva Motor Show](#), is not currently planned for production. That runs counter to [recent reports](#) that the German company was considering a vehicle in the small CUV segment that a Bulli might fill, though it doesn't discount the earlier rumor entirely. Hackenberg cites a shortage of demand for a production Bulli as the reason for the project getting shelved. Love for the original [Microbus](#) remains high both inside VW and in the public at large, but it remains to be seen if nostalgia alone can be counted on to drive unit sales for something wearing the Bulli's unique shape.

Less surprising is word that VW is going forward with a production version of its groundbreaking [XL1](#) – which makes sense, as we've already seen prototypes [in spy photos](#). The two-seat, 300-plus-miles-per-gallon car is reportedly earmarked to go on sale in limited numbers. Where and exactly how limited those numbers are remains to be seen.



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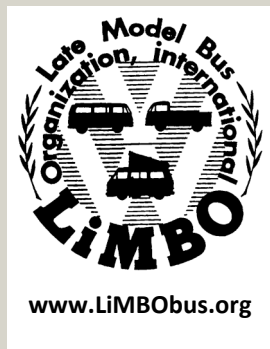


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