

FVC Newsletter



August 2023

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Next FVC meeting/ eVANT

Date: August 26th, 2023

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$42 per night tax included/ \$4 per day pp for a day only pass
Use "Florida Van Council" group name when booking, etc...

Event: Back to the Creek – FVC Meeting on Saturday Noon

Place: Fisheating Creek Outpost– Palmdale

fisheatingcreekoutpost.com 863-675-5999

7555 US N. HWY. 27 Palmdale, Fl. 33944.

Schedule:

11:45am Officers to Meeting Area

(New Business sheet is displayed)

12:00 noon Meeting begins

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Roll call and Roster update
3. Treasurer's report
4. Newsletter report
5. Van-in updates
6. Van-in proposals
7. Old Business
8. New Business – Open Discussion
9. Nominate new officers
10. 50/50 Raffle

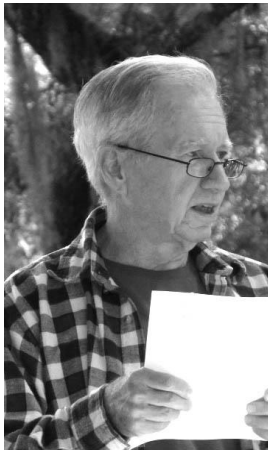
---Next Newsletter Deadline is: 1 month before next meeting

Next meeting---

meeting Date & Time will be announced

On the Cover: "Vantique"

50th Van Nationals in Sterling Colorado



FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 6, 2023 meeting at Endless Summer campground in Port Orange are as follows:

Konehead called the meeting to order at 12:19 PM.

Minutes of the March 11, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

There were 9 clubs present and 2 Excused Absences (out of 19 clubs total) during roll call.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linard gave the treasurer's report., and noted he had a new tin box to replace the old tin Meals on Wheels collection van that went missing a few years ago.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Gnarly gave the newsletter report. He also gave an update on the FVC website. He and Scribe John spent 2 days last week bringing the site into the 21st century. We're using new software, which didn't cost us anything extra, as that software has always been available in our account, we just weren't using it. Lew and others noted that the new look was great. Lew noted that having Scribe and Gnarly seated at 2 consoles in Gnarly's very small computer room looked like 2 astronauts in a command module getting ready for liftoff. Deadline for the input to the next newsletter is one month prior to the next FVC meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A discussion of FVC window stickers came up. Spookytooth noted that he ordered the last of the colored stickers via Don Noone. They were great and held up on the outside of van windows, whereas the Black-and-White stickers don't last very well at all, After discussing the matter and getting opinions on sourcing, Gnarly said he will bring pricing, delivery and other options regarding FVC window stickers to the next FVC meeting;

Linard noted that, lately, there have been no other articles for input to the FVC newsletter than those submitted by the FVC officers. The newsletter would be a lot better if we had more input articles from the members. It is, after all, your newsletter.

VAN-IN UPDATES:

GSVR XIX September 29 – October 1, 2023 – Happy Holiday RV Resort – 1553 Wolfetown Rd. - Cherokee, NC 28719 – Quinton noted that everything is on track. Pre-reg directly with the campground.

Konehead & Friends October 20 - 22, 2023 – Robinson Ranch – 19730 S.E. 127 Terrace – Dunnellon, FL 34445. Everything is a go.

VAN-IN PROPOSALS:

River Forest January 12 – 15, 2024 – Vanners in the Forest IX – River Forest Group Camping Site – 45700 River Forest Blvd – Deland, FL 32720 - \$50 pre-reg before Jan. 4 – \$60 at gate for 2 Adults – Kids under 16 Free – Additional adults \$10 each – Day guest \$5 each – Kids under 16 need to be in their campsite after 10:00 PM – Information Bruce (386) 527-2484 – Friday Night: Chili cook-off or soup – Saturday noon: FVC meeting – Saturday evening: Pig Roast/Covered Dish – Gate Opens at 3:00 PM Friday, January 12 – We have booked Sunday night if you wish to stay – You must leave by 11:00 AM Monday, January 15, MLK Jr holiday [Click Here for flier](#)

POTENTIAL MEETING/EVANT SITES:

The following sites were discussed as being potential locations for eVants or FVC meetings:

Fisheating Creek Outpost – 7555 US N. Hwy. 27 – Palmdale, FL 33944 – South of Lake Placid and North of Moore Haven – State Park – Pavillion and Screen Room - \$42 per night – You have to pre-reg on your own with the campground

Moore Haven KOA - \$59 – We can get a group discount and it will be around \$54 per night.

South Bay on Okeechobee - \$30 per night but no a/c hanging from a van window.

Roland Martin Anglers Marina – 910 Okeechobee Blvd. Clewiston, FL

NEXT FVC MEETING:

At this point there is no date and location for the next FVC meeting. Konehead will try and set up a meeting at Fisheating Creek for August 26. Details will be available on the FVC website and Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Cari sent Gnarly an e-mail letting him know of places to see, etc. at the 50th NATS. Anyone who is going should contact Gnarly and he will forward that e-mail to them

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None.

Mook made a motion to adjourn and the 51-minute meeting was concluded at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Cunningham

Secretary

MyVanOnVideo.Com

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/jlightning/>

Is your Van on youtube?

Keep on Vannin'
John (OOP) & Jo

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FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

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FVC President

(Pictures on Page16)

Hi all! Been a few places and done a few things.

After the meeting at sidewinders, decided to go to Don Noone's run in Missouri. Long ride but we'll worth the trip. Left Tues afternoon after work and drove straight thru. Arrived at the campground and was greeted by the host club. Set up camp, then 20-25 golf carts to a ride to get dinner. Great food and service with not much wait considering 80 hungry vanners were there. The bands were over the top, many vendors, games. About 160 vans thru the gate. Big show and shine and bright and shine! I won long distance USA. Really cool. if you want to do an out of state run, this is a good one.



Went back to work for a few weeks before leaving for the natz in colorado. My vanner friend grandfather flew in from Indy to drive the RV for me while I drove Vanbourghini. No issues on the way there or back(nice). I was not impressed with the host club as how they handled situations that arose. I Took second place in my class, Linard got long distance, and Florida vanners did get some trophies. Real good bands, 700+ vans and generally a good time. Lookin' fwd to Massachusetts next year! Don't forget to pre reg for Konehead and friends, Oct 20-22 2023. Good band, free hamburgers Saturday lunch, show and shine, pumpkin carving, dash plaques, t-shirts,. central fire and more!

KONEHEAD (When your with the Kone, your never alone)

(Pictures on Page 14)

Dear FVC, I hope all is swell in everyone's VAN world. I was unable to make it to Nats but made 2 driving trips to NY to visit Cyndi. We had a great time on our road trips, but as many of you found out, it is HOT everywhere! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up, sharing stories and pictures. Safe travels to all and practice kindness.



Cari Patton



FVC Treasurer

(Pictures on Page 19)

Hi All!! Well, if you didn't make it to the 50th van national's, you missed a good one. They had plenty of space for vans, I was not sure it would-be enough, but it was. They had somewhere around 680 vans that I heard. I took long distance for our 2,065 miles getting there. It took us about three and a half days to get there. We left on Saturday and got there on Tuesday afternoon. The roads up north are not the best. I am going to have to go and tighten up all my screws in the van.

Talk about a weather change. We left in 90-degree weather to a pleasant 60 degrees. What a change, now I know why the snowbirds leave in the summer. We debated about taking our vanners quilt, but we were glad we did, along with our sweats and jackets. Most nights were in the upper 50's and mid 70's during the day. We didn't need the ac that's for sure! We had a couple of close calls on some bad weather, but Lew had his weather deflector on. We missed all the hail they predicted that they said was coming. Thanks Lew!!! We were all prepared though, with all the safety meetings we had.

The campsite we had was plenty big and had lots of room. A little muddy when it rained on Tuesday night. We had power and water for everybody. Close to the midway. Thanks to everyone who got there early to pick it out. T shirt sales were kind of hectic on Wednesday, we were in line for about an hour and a half. Lots of vendors for all your appetites.

The bands were great! They had a ZZ Top and Eagles tribute bands on Wednesday night. That kept the crowd going, that's for sure. Silver Threads and Cowardly Lions were on Thursday. On Friday night was the Rock Gods. That band had three different lead singers. Each one came out dressed like the originals. Like Aerosmith, Alice Cooper, Ozzy, and many more. You should of been there!! By Saturday night we were about wore out to see Homeslice. They did a lot of dance songs and sounded good, but we didn't have the energy to dance.

The van show had 200 vans that I heard. You can go on YouTube and see some of the vans. Lots of pretty ones and some weird ones. We all have our own taste. I didn't make it to the light show, but I heard it was awesome. You can also see it on YouTube. All said, it was a great time had by all. Hard Core did an excellent job as usual. I can't wait until next year.

The ride home was a slow one. We had an injector go out on the way towards Kansas City on Tuesday. We had to spend a few extra days there. Luckily it was under warranty still. But trying to get service now of days is a problem. Especially if you have a diesel. We had to empty the frig

because the battery would not last for the two and a half days it took to get done. We got a Motel 6 no frills room. Luckily, they took dogs and only charged me for one night instead of two, but we still had to stay a third night by the time they got the van done. What a pain!! Took the van in on Wednesday morning and got the van back Thursday late. Thanks to Olathe Ford. We told them Pam had to be back at work by Monday. We got up early Friday to haul butt back home. We made it back on Saturday night. Sunday morning, I got up and had to cut my grass that had two weeks to grow. Then cut it again on Wednesday. I wish we had an extra week to see more stuff. We had a good time. Just a lot of miles for two weeks.

Our next meeting is at Fish Eating Creek in Palmdale. This campground has concrete pads and full power. It is a state park, they have a screened in room we can use. Bring your chairs. No pool but a creek if you want to swim. Water could be up or down, depending on rain. Don't know how the skeeters will be so bring everything. We do live in Florida. Plan a couple of days. Hope to see you there. We were there a long time ago. Be safe and enjoy life today.

Linard & Pam *(Pictures on Page 19)*

Newsletter Editor



Vanning Road Trip to Colorado! Some of our trip was not as we had hoped or expected...So to get out west from Florida you must traverse the ENTIRE South (USA) – In summer – during a heat wave...

So we adjusted accordingly and utilized the US Corps of Engineer Campsites most always on a lake which made things very nice and most enjoyable, watch out for those dreaded Tornado Alley T'Storms however that can/ will be quite violent when camping lakeside! Felt like we were at Beverly Beach at times!

Most unusual portion must have been the hilly terrain in Kansas and FLATTEST driving ever (Including FLA) in Colorado...smh, this is WHY we do this, as when you do & see a new area, it really is new!

50th Vanning Nationals were well organized and had some nice treats in store for us – including 1 day just for waiting in lines in order to better propagate the socializing opportunity. Sterling, CO even had a special Smell-O-Vision all around town just for the vanners, I am sure it can't be like that all the time...right? Good Times!

Ever been to a Cat Scale? Install the app on your phone, pull in, click & done(less than 5 min). Then check your tires, you too may be closer to overweight than you may realize!

Enjoy this issue, many great stories have been shared. Thank you all that sent in pictures and stories! I put the Pics together for color printing, let me know how you like this format. - Gnarly - *(Pictures on Page 17)*

Well, here we are! We're sitting in a cabin on the Yough Lake in Southwest Pennsylvania. Near my old hometown. Just received a email that the newsletter needs to be in by tomorrow. So here we go: After missing all of the Spring Truckins like we miss every year because of work. We head out in Lightning for Sterling, Colorado.



First stop along the way is Jacksonville to see the kids. After overnight stay there we head west, and stop at a rest area. After taking care of business find out that Lightning will not start because she's not getting any gas. Luckily enough I had a fuel pump under the bed in my suitcase. After about a half an hour, I got the new one on and we're back on the road. Took our time visiting a few places along the way and arrived at the Van Nationals on Monday.

Beautiful sunny day as we set up camp and then went to see friends and around the grounds. We went to visit hard-core Vanner's as I was contacted a few months ago by the host club about doing some video and drone shots for the poster of the van lineup for the 50th Van Nationals poster that they plan to make and sell. So we got that all figured out. First few days was great. Just visiting and partying with friends we haven't seen for years. I was happy to see so many of us from Florida there. I always say it's like a family reunion. Next went down to film the opening ceremony with special guest, a representative from Sterling and Al Romero who was at the first van nationals.

Next it's time to go line up the vans for the aerial shot of the 50th Van Nationals. Took about three hours but everything came out fine! Pic attached. By this time I had been contacted by several vanners that asked if we could film their van, so that's what we did and we ended up filming 23 cool vans. Other than that, the bands were fantastic, everyone had a great time that I could see. The only thing is we were warned a few times about hail and tornado warnings, which made everyone a little uneasy. Several took their vans inside, but thank God it never happened. Most of the days we did have a little rain, but the day for the 50th drone shot and the Van Show were beautiful days. How lucky we were.

Lightning got first place full custom dodge. I would have to say all in all it was a great 50th and hard-core did a fantastic job.

Next thing we knew it was Sunday and time to pack up. Like always Jo and I were just about the last ones there.

Next stop was Mount Rushmore. Got a few great pics there and then played around out west for a while.

On the way to Pennsylvania. I happen to notice a South Dakota police cruiser coming up alongside me and then pulling behind me and I told Jo you know what he wants? Jo said Yep. Probably just to look at the van, as I definitely was not speeding. He walked up to Jo's window and asked her what year is this? He liked Lightning, and after a short conversation about where we were coming from, and that we are still Vanning we continued heading east. This is the seventh time. Lightning has been pulled over by police just to check her out.

Took our time traveling and a few days later we arrived here in Uniontown, PA (my old hometown) visited some friends and family and then came up to the cabin on the lake. This is my quiet place where we are away from everyone in town and I can get a lot of editing done. A friend of mine told me about a car show that we should attend, so we did. Like always everyone was excited to see a van and many had stories from their own cool and happy memories about vans. Lightning got two trophies, one for top 20 and the other was for long-distance. 183 cars in attendance.

So now here we are sitting in the cabin. Jo doing lots of things here and I am editing. Looking forward, we plan to attend: Nightmare Vanners BFE 12, Return to Cortland, Keystone Madness, Last Chance, East Coast Vanner Nationals, and Koneheads Halloween Truckin.

See you out there somewhere. Truck em' safe.

Love, Hugs & Happiness.

John (OOP) & Jo. (Pictures on Page 15)

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Traveling with the Skokoberries

After celebrating our 51st anniversary at Endless Summer, we stopped at our house to receive a delivery. Then, headed off to Bevier, MO.

We met up with Dean and Cher at Friends Creek. After a day or two we traveled to Spring Fever in time to go out to dinner with everyone at the local Pizza Restaurant. As usual when many Vanners get together, we had a wonderful time. Even though, we were among the first to order and the last to get served. Spring Fever by Vantasia Vans was a first-class event. While we were there the campground/RV shop got us a new step to our RV. Where else can you go to a Van event and get repair work done on your RV? Judith needed to be towed in and was able to get her van repaired while she partied the time away. Thank you, Vantasia, for a wonderful event.

On to Mid West's Event, where we arrived early and were joined by Smitty and Brenda. Thursday, we went out to the Royal Oak Family Restaurant in Rensselaer, IN. You know we had a fun filled evening with wonderful friends. Over the next few days there were games, bands, a pub crawl, venders, and a van show. In short there was so little time to do so much. Midwest did an outstanding job of entertaining their guests. We had such a good time, we decided to stay on another day or two.

On the road again, to Beaver Dam. We stopped at Derge Park. Right on Beaver Dam Lake a nice campground, even though Sixpack didn't catch anything. After a few days of rest and recuperating we visited Sam and Mountain. They kept us busy. First there was a Brewery Crawl, with Nancy and Jeff followed by Tri County Vans, Beer Bust. I never tasted so much beer in my whole life. Our Host Tri County Vans did their best to make us welcome and provide entertainment for everyone. Next, off to the races where we were part of the race crew of the Schoenburger team. They Sponsor the Taco Bell #16 car driven by their son David Schoenburger.

By this time, we needed a rest. So, we headed North West to Twin Cities Vanners event in Preston Park. We stopped at Veterans Memorial Campground. They had a beautiful bike path, not to mention our camp spot was right next to the LaCrosse River. A few days later we joined the rest of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Vanners at Preston Park where we took an 18 mile bike ride to the State Store then followed the bike path around the Fairgrounds and along the Camp Creek trail. (A beautiful state trail that went from West to East across the state.) Twin Cities Vans invited us to join them at a Taco/Burger, bar/restaurant. Followed by the usual games. We also converted Goat to be safe with a daily safety meeting.

Next stop - Taz and Jills where Jill was busy making cookies for Nats. She has quite a system going from baking to decorating beautiful and delicious cookies. Meanwhile Lew was helping Taz with a few last minute

chores and I tried to stay out of everyone's way. However, everyone was happy to see me at safety meeting time with a tray in my hands. We also went out to The Silo for some real Chicago style pizza.

On to Sterling, we took our time traveling and eventually found the most mosquito infested campground in the area, not to mention the gnats who attacked all day. We were joined there by Sidewinder, Mike (from Illinois) Randy and Mook. SOVC had reservations in a campground on the other side of town. We got together at their campsite for an evening around a campfire, story telling and no mosquitoes.

After a week of being bait for the bugs, Lew managed to get us 3rd in line for entering the Nats. I thought Joann, "Give me \$5", was going to kill us when she thought we were going to park in a spot Taz was saving for them. We were just trying to back into the spot next to them. So every one had a spot and we got down to enjoying the 50th Nationals. Sidewinder, Randy, Mook, Spookytooth, Linard, Pam, Judith, Ray and Carol were parked in our circle. We were joined by Tim and Diann until the rain chased them away. Colorado Vanners and their helpers did a wonderful job of running the event. We had a new record for safety meeting - 34 participants who were safe for the event. The bands were Vantastic. We made Page 1 of the souvenir bible with a safety meeting picture.

We didn't want to end the fun Sunday so Sidewinder, Linard, Pam and us drove a couple hours south to another campground to continue the fun for another night before all going our separate ways. After all that visiting, and partying we took our time on the long, long winding road home.

Next event is August 26, at Fisheating Creek, see you there!



Agnes

Lew took this at the
May FVC meeting



50th Van Nationals In Colorado



Cari's Summer Road Trip 14



*Oop & Jo
jlightning on youtube*

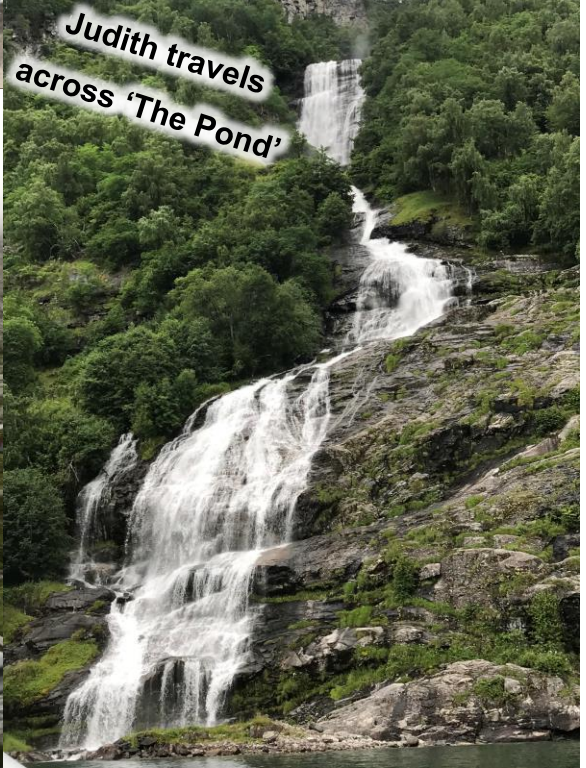




Konehead's Travels









Linards Pics at
50th Van Nats



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FVC Helps Out! Donation Letter

May 5, 2023

Florida Van Council Inc.
c/o Mr. Earl Linard Morris, Treasurer
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Davie, Florida 33325-5506

Thank you so very much for the donation check, # 1083 of \$100.00
given from the members of the Florida Van Council, Inc.

Your gift was greatly appreciated and will be used for the seniors
of Baker County.

Please convey our utmost thanks to your members.

Sincerely,

Christina Harvey
Christina Harvey
Executive Director



Finally getting caught up since getting back home after 9 week trip to National Parks and 50th Van Nats. Started with a trip to Judith's to plan my route and take advantage of her great traveling experience. She was a great planner and a huge asset, thank you Judith! I left on May 12th and headed to Austin TX to pick up my friend from high school, Lyne. She wanted to go to Big Bend and didn't want

to go by herself. From there went to San Antonio to see the Alamo.(I remembered!!).

Left there and 5 miles down the road van started running with reduced power. Pulled over to check then van would not start. So on way to 1st Nat'l Park van was towed to shop and camper to an RV park. Ended up having high pressure oil pump, regulator, and seals replaced. Nothing 7 days and \$2800 wouldn't take care of.

We did several hikes and a bicycle tour in San Antonio to pass the time. Got van and went to Big Bend for a couple days. Then on to Guadalupe Mtns and Carlsbad Caverns Nat'l Parks. Dropped Lyne off at El Paso airport, unfortunately of her 2 weeks, one was spent waiting for van repair. Headed to Saguaro Nat'l Park near Tucson AZ. and as I got close van started running rough when going uphill. Went to campground and dropped trailer, then drove to West and East Saguaro Parks. Van ran fine without trailer but wanted to get it checked before I got on the road again. Ended up being the #4 injector was bad. Nothing 8 days and \$1900 wouldn't take care of.

Had a cousin who lived in Tucson that I had not seen in 20 or so years so I got to spend more time than I had planned visiting with him. Honestly, I got gun shy after all the mechanical problems and lost time, and decided I wasn't going to head on to California and beyond. Figured I would head home and regroup, have the van gone through, and try again next year. Left Tucson and decided to hit White Sands Nat'l Park in NM on way home. Van ran good all the way there. Enjoyed hiking across the dunes. Prepared to leave and decided that I was already out there so I might as well continue on, what's the worst that could happen, another couple grand and lose another week? Money would just be out of my boy's inheritance and time don't matter as much when your retired! Prayed the Lord would bless me and headed back NW to Petrified Forest Nat'l Park. From there went to Canyon de Chelly Nat'l Monument in AZ. Then went to Mesa Verde, Canyonlands, Arches, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Great Sand Dunes, Rocky Mountain, Grand Teton, and Yellowstone Nat'l Parks.

Next to Cody WY and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. 5 museums there, spent 4 hours in the firearms museum and didn't see it all, 1 hr in Bill Cody museum, and visited Plains Indian and Natural museums til they closed. Didn't get to Art museum. Really cool place! From there went to Little Big Horn Battlefield, Devils Tower, and Mount Rushmore Nat'l Monuments. Van started running hot after a couple hours of driving so I had to pull over and water. Did that several times until I finally saw where it was leaking. Water pump, decided I could get by until I got to Nats.

Headed to Wind Cave Nat'l Park, and as I pulled into campground I see Ray, Caroll, and Judith sitting around a fire! Enjoyed visiting with them, and the next day I headed to Sterling Co. Made it there and got appt to take van in the shop Wednesday during the Nats. After camping a couple days with several other vanners we headed into the Nats. Had an afternoon/evening of rain pre Nats but after that Lew's weather diverter kept the storms away and we had pleasant temps.

FVC had a nice showing with Lew & Agnes, Ray & Caroll, Judith, Spookytooth & Maggie, Cale & Holly, Randy & Mook, Linard & Pam, and myself all parked together. Konehead was there too but we wouldn't let him park with us! LOL. It was rumored Squirrel was with him but I never saw her. It was great to see OLD friends there. Tons of vans in the show n shine, plenty of vendors, and good bands. Got van back Friday afternoon, finally a repair less than \$1000, it was only \$948!! Before we knew it the week was gone and it was time to head out.

I headed to Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo, TX. Heard Linard had to get his van fixed on way home, guess it was his turn, but at least it was under warranty and they got to it fairly quickly. Spent a couple days hiking in Palo Duro then back to Austin TX. Visited Lyne and a cousin I have there. From there to Ozark AL to visit another cousin. Next day made it home!

Travelled 8,839.2 miles and went to 15 Nat'l Parks, 4 Nat'l Monuments, a couple state parks, the Nats, and visited some friends and family. I had an awesome trip, the Lord blessed me with safety and the health to get out and hike the trails (total of 130 miles). What a beautiful country we live in, get out there and explore it!!!! Stay safe and well, God bless all of y'all.

Sidewinder

(Pictures on Page 18)

My adventures this summer. On the way to the 50th Nationals I stopped at Indiana Dunes National Park, then on to Iowa to stop at Hurbert Hoover boyhood home and library. If you're in Iowa it is well worth the stop.



Then on to Boys town in NB to see the world's largest ball of stamps, continuing, across the center of NB on to Alliances Carhinge, stopping at many interesting brown signs, and then north to Wind Cave National Park SD, where I met Carol and Ray and low and behold Sidewinder showed up and camped with us.

Carol and Ray and I went up to look at Crazy horse, on the way back found a mountain of bicycles. People will make art out of just about anything.

Leaving Wind Cave, we stopped at Hot Springs SD to explore the town and visit The Mammoth site, I thought it would be hokey but it was great. They have found lots of Mammoth bones and are working on excavating them while you are there. It was really interesting. From there we went to Chimney rock to check that out. Then into Colorado to stop at Ft Morgan to see the town that HGTV made over. We camped at a lot of great places and went on to the Nationals.

What a great time at the Nationals. It was very well organized. The Bands were good, lots of venders to choose from, I got to see many people who I hadn't seen in a long time. Over 600 vans in attendance and 200 vans in the show. The Bible was really great. It was a hard cover history of the Nationals incorporated into a bible. Thank you Hard Core vanners for all your hard work.

After the Nationals, on the way to leave my van at the Noone's residence, I stopped at Lebanon KS to see the geographic center of the USA. Becky took me to the airport and I flew to PA and joined my daughter on a great Cruise to England, Belgium, Holand, Norway and Iceland. We got to see some really great things and had a wonderful time. We were supposed to take a helicopter ride to cross the pole but the fog was too thick to go.

Judith

Vanning Around the World

Please send all flyers: Judith Pilon 817 Wildabon Ave. Lake Wales, FL or e-mail.

Judpilon@aol.com or 407-484-2234

Price is for a Van and 2 adults, children under 17 are free unless otherwise noted in the event listing.
Extra persons means adults.

August 2023

9-13	MI	Lake & Bake by Street Survivors Van Club at Paw Paw River Campground 5355 N-140 Watervliet, MI \$25 at Gate, must have a van
Aug 12	NY	7t Annual Poker Run by Niagara Vans Cub at Casale's 6904 Buffalo Ave. Niagara Falls, NY Ends at Niagara Active Hose 6010 Lockport Rd. Niagara Falls, NY Chicken dinner at 5:30 \$25. per person Camping Available overnight no electric, no campers RSVP to Robbie by July 30th &16-713-5074 or Hosss72@yahoo.com
Aug 11-13	IL	CITA 46th Birthday Prom night bring your best prom night attire Spring Creek Campground 81 N 500 East Rd. Montrose, IL bring a covered dish for Saturday night.\$42. pre-entry gate \$52. sleep-in trailers \$18. club trailer free. extra adults \$15. band both nights. info Holly 217-246-5705 make checks to CITA mail to CITA 1ville, IL 6195102 Illini Ave Allen
11-13	NB/CA	Cowabunga Campout by Bluenose Vanners at 79 O'Hearn Ln. East Preston<NS B2Z1G6 \$50. per van, pool, bonfire, poeta Johns, Hip of Beef and pot luck Saturday night info call 902-483-3051 cindy O'Hearn 902-488-6352
Aug 11-13	MA	Boogie Affair #6 Medieval Affair At Franklin County Fairgrounds 91 Wisdom Way, Greenfield MA. Hot showers, flush toilets, Vendors, games, Hot wheel and RC races, Volley Ball, public van show. Pre reg by 7/8 \$40. gate \$45. this is the price for van/truck and 2 adults and children under 15. extra people \$10 each. Trailers under 16' \$15. over 16' \$25. Motor homes and van pre reg \$65, Thursday \$10.Send to New England Van Council c/o Judi Baker 329 Wildwood Ave Worcester, MA 01603 info Call Judi 508-345-2573 or Fred 207=776-043720
Aug 18-20	OH	Knightmare vans presents BFE #12 Welcome to the Carnival at Richland County Fairgrounds 341 Lantz Rd Mansfield OH Bands Friday and Saturday night Meet n Greet Friday, Show & Shine for vans and golf carts . Vanner Flee market (bring you stuff to sell) {re Red \$40 by 8/1 Gate \$50. \$10 extra people trailers \$20 Paypal @knightmarevannersinc or send to Nightmare vans at 7992 Elliott Rd. NCT. OH 43832 vendor info Amy 419-610-6296
Aug 17-20	MN	Northwestern & Naughty But Nice vanners present Ivan & Jane's Dazed and Confused at the Wilson Farm 640 County Rd 6 SW Howard Lake MN Limited electric Pot luck Saturday night, Live music, pre-reg \$45. for Thursday-Sunday, by Aug 4th, gate \$50. Friday-Sunday \$40 Send to Northwest Vanners 1640 County Rd. 6 SW Howard Lake, MN 55349 Info Kenny 763-516-1081

Aug 26	FL	www.fisheatingcreekoutpost.com \$42 per night tax included/ \$4 per day pp for a day only pass Use "Florida Van Council" group name when booking, etc. 863,675,5999 7555 US No. HWY 27 Palmdale FL 33944
Aug 27-27	NJ	Far Out in South Jersey Goes Medieval in memory of Henry Gaunt at Atlantic County 4-H Fairgrounds 3210 NJ-50 Mays Landing NJ Pre reg \$40 gate \$45. van/truck & camper plus 2 people extra people over 16 \$10. by 8/1 No camper outlets, hot showers, van show make checks payable to Melissa Gaunt 704 s. 4th ave Galloway NJ 08205 Paypal: hippieluke2aol.com venmo @LM_junk removal
September		
Sept 1-4	SD	Giddy-up Go 2nd annual Dakota Street Vans Solace Farm Hip Camp, 207 N Dakota Ave Davis SD pre-reg \$45. at gate \$55. for 3 night or \$24. per night per van. 2 people per van additional vanner \$10 Venmo@skonhovd or Paypal @Askonhovd primitive campground "No Hook-ups" generators welcome
2	WI	Annual Custom Van Show hosted by County Line Vans & HyRollin Vans in downtown Kenosha WI Taz 847-560-5147
Sept 1-4	VT	The Vanishing #8 45 Reynolds Rd. Grand Isle, VT 05458 Vans & Trucks Only No electric or Showers. Single Axle Trailers only . Pre-reg \$35. gate \$40. Trailers \$10. early arrivals 8/31 \$10. Checks to Justin Decroches 55 Mail St. Apt 2 Monton, MA 01057 Pay pal @thevanished
Sept 1-4	OR	Corn Cob Campout #49 by Zephyr Vans and Truck Asso. at Schroeder Park in Grants Pass OR Pre reg by 8/20 \$70 per van \$90 gate, RV & motorhomes \$100 pre-entry only no early arrivals if you want to come early contact the park 541-474-5285 sent to Zephyr Van & Truck Asso. 1651 Burkhart Ave San Leandro CA 94579 tubing down the river so bring you tube, all you can eat corn.
Sept 1-4	OH	Vanner Hobo Ball Return to Cortland by Buckeye Van Assoc. at Trumbull County Fairgrounds Cortland OH Van at 2 people \$60 a gate \$65. trailers \$25. extra people \$10. info Doug Gibson 4440-653-8081 or Greg Showers 330-980-1836 mail to Buckeye Van assoc c/o Cherie Smith 956 Andrew Ave Salem OH 44460
Sept 1-4	IN	Cave In #4 by CAVE Vans at Jasper county fairgrounds 2671 West Clark St. Rensselaer, IN pre reg \$60. Thursday \$25 trailers \$20 exert people \$15 checks to CAVE At David Garczyk 6979 West 85th Ave Crown Point IN 46307 info Sherman 708-536-8291
7-10	MA	Loonie Bin #9 by Loonie Toon Truckers at Indian Hollow Chesterfield MA back to basic limited water and eclectic pre-reg \$35. gate \$40. can donation at the gate for food Bank contact Tim & Karne 802-365-4484

SouthEast



Van Council

GSVR 19

When:

September 29th - October 1st, 2023

Where:

Happy Holiday RV Resort
1553 Wolfetown Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719

Friday:

Hot dogs & Chili, Raffle table, and Hot Wheels races

Saturday:

Show 'n' Shine, Kids' Games, Potluck dinner,
Awards Ceremony, 50/50 drawing, and live entertainment

Reservations:

\$45/night + taxes

1 van per site

Call 1-828-497-9204

Ask for Lisa

Mention Southeast Van Council

Limited sites reserved for SEVC

Happy Holiday RV Resort strictly prohibits ATVs,
go-karts, mini-bikes, and burnouts.
Please respect their rules.



/SoutheastVC



/SoutheastVanCouncil

Sept 8-19	CO	17th Annual Truck-in Piles Peak Van Asso. sponsored by HAVE's and HAVE NOTS Murder Mystery Casey; RV Hideaway 4189 Hwy86. Elizabeth, CO Gated open 9/8 at 2 PM Pre-reg by 9/1 \$45. Gate \$50. Club Trailers \$10. sleeping Trailers \$15. Extra people \$10. Contact t Beeper 720-434-3042 or Cindy-Lou 719-229-7242 mail to Lisa Castarneda, make Checks payable to HAVE's 16455 E. Layton Ave Aurora CO 80015
Sept 14-17	PA	Keystone Madness by Performance Inc. at Schuylkill Co Fairgrounds 22700 Fair Rd. Summit Station PA Sharpie 610-210-2830 pre reg by 8/24 \$45. gate Motor homes \$90. club trailers 1 free. all others \$25. extra people \$10 early arrivals \$10. per day send to performance Inc. PO Box 1333 Pottstown PA 19464 info Grizz 484-3765
Sept 22-24	OH	Last Chance 46 by Tuscarawas Intervalley Truckers at Woods Tall Timber Lake 1921 Tall Timber Lake Rd. New Philadelphia pre-reg. \$40, Gate \$50 camping trailers \$20 extra persons \$10, Thursday night \$10. Campsite reservations will only be honored with pre entered applicants. Meaning you must be pre entered to reserved s site prior to arrival. Pay Pal titvanclub@yahoo.com deadline sept. 15. mail to TIT Po Box 270 Bolivar, OH 44612 Contact Tit 330-432-5180 Tall Timber 330-602-4000
Sept 29-10/1	NC	GSVR #19 by SouthEast Van Council at Happy Holiday RV Resort 1553 Wolfetown Rd. Cherokee, NC Call 828-497-9204 to make reservations Ask for Lisa and mention SEVC Friday Hot dogs and Chill, Raffle table and hot wheels races, Saturday Show N Shine, games Potluck dinner 50/50 and live entertainment. breakfast available at camp store. reservations \$45 per night + Tax. 1 van perr site call campground @ 828 497 9204 and ask for Lisa Mention SEVC
October		
6-8	PA	Fall Fest #9 by Twilight Truckers 601 E Market St. Gratz PA
5-9	RI	Summers End Party by Narragansett Vans and Panel Truckers at Doc and Dee's Playground 189 Fenner Hill Rd Hope Valley RI \$20. per person plus a side dish No electric live entertainment
13-15	NH	Frostbite Follies by Chair City Truckers and Central Mass Street Vans At State line Campground 850 RT 12 South Fitzwilliam NH info call Anthony 401-487-6156
Oct 13-15	WI	Howling Van-per-te hosted by Hy-rollin vans at Walworth County Fairground, Elkhorn WI Pre-reg \$55 by 10/2 extra people \$20. Sleeping Trailers \$15. Early Camping \$25. per night Just Saturday \$30 Trick or Treat show n shine, bright n shine

Konehead and Friends



Invite you to a Halloween Blast at
Robinson Ranch

19730 S.E.127 Terr.
Dunnellon, FL 34445

Band 50/50 Tiki Bar
Mini-bike races
Van Show Raffles

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Trophies & Dash Plaques
October 20 – 22, 2023

Pre-reg cutoff is October 15



Make checks payable to:

Bruce Guertin

2811 Sauls St.

S. Daytona, FL 32119

For more info - Konehead 386-527-2484

Pre-reg Gate

Vans \$75 \$85

Motorhomes/Sleep-in
trailers \$90 \$100

Early arrivals \$25 per night

I release Konehead, Friends and Robinson Ranch of any
liability to myself or property

Print Name _____

Signature _____

When you're with the Kone, you're never alone

Oct 13-15	CA	50th Annual West Coast Van Nationals Longest running Vanning event held at the same Location. Salinas Valley Fairground In King City CA Gates open NOON Friday Van Show, Trophies, Raffles, Games, t-shirts dash plaques BeerBob@yahoo.com or 408-378-5998 pre-entry y \$50, RV \$60, Trailr \$10 after June Vans \$60, RV \$70 Trailer \$10, Vans \$80. RV \$90. Trailer \$10
16-22	VA	1st Annual East Coast Vanner Nationals by DropJaw Vans at Shands Park Stoney Creek VA
19-22	CT	Rewind at the Park hosted by Ultimate Truckers & Dark Side vanners at Lake Compounce Bristol CT
20-22	IA	HOAVC'S Havoc hosted by Heart of America Van Council at Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax IA Pre-reg \$35. by 10/2 gate \$40. info Suzy Phillips 816-309-1633
Oct 20-22	FL	Konehead and Friends at Robinson's Ranch 19730 SE 127th Terrace, Dunnellon FL Bands, raffles mini bike races, Van Show pre-reg by 10/15 \$75. Gate \$85. motor homes/sleep-in trailers \$90. gate \$100.Early arrivals \$25. per night. Friday night dinner catered by Master Chef "Squirrel" Make Checks to Bruce Guertin send to 2811 Sauls St. S. Daytona, FL 32119 Click here for flier
November		
Nov 4	RI	F.A.N Vanners Halloween Party at Riverside Sportsman Assoc, 1 Sportsman Dr. East providence RI\$20. peo person info Landry 401-256-1332 Motel 6 821 Dall River Ave Seekonk MA 508-336-7800
Nov 9-12	CA	Dazed and Confused #19 "Family Feud/Jeopardy" @Launch Point Lake Elsimore Ca by Wheels of Confusion Vans. Saturday Munchies, fishing with license, restaurant-pool-hot tub pre-reg 4 days \$60, gate \$75. pre reg Sat and Sunday only \$50, gate65. small trailers \$20. make payable to John Ferguson mail by 11/1 to Wheels of Confusion 15412 Cornuta, Bellflower, CA 90706
December		
Dec 2	RI	Truck-in For Tots by New England Van Council at Anthony PNA 15 Meeting St. Coventry admission one New Unwrapped toy per Adult or cash Donation benefiting Greenfield Police Asso. the Salvation Army Greenfield M Giving Back together toy Drive info call Joe 401-320-8400

2024

January 2024

Jan 12-15	FL	Vanners in the Forest IX by the Florida Van Council at River Forest group camping 45700 River Forest Blvd/ Deland, FL pre reg by 1/4/24 \$50 after 1/4/24 \$60. extra adults \$10. day guest \$5. Friday night chili cook off, Saturday Pig roast and covered dish. directions from Deland drive west on St. Rt 44 to the first intersection after crossing the St. Johns river. turn right on County Rd 42 and entrance is on the right . Send to FVC c/o Linard Morris 12931 SW 10th Ct. Davie, FL 33325 e-mail morr465@bellsouth.net
14	FL	FVC Meeting at noon during Vanners in the Forrest , see above
25-27	FL	Freeze For All 16 Robinson Ranch 19730 SE 127r Terrace Ranch Dunnellon, FL more info as available

February 2024

10	MA	Vagabond Bowl 22 by Vagabond vans more to come as available
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March 2024

Mar 29-31	Australia	49th Australian Van Nationals Back to Stanthorpe Easter 2024 phone 0491615739
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May 2024

May 10-12	Ohio	Spring Back. by Vans on the Run Knox County Fairgrounds 129 Fairgrounds Rd. Mt. Vernon, OH. more to come as available
May 16-10	MO	Spring Fever #46 "American Pie" by Vantasia Vans at Bevier RV Center 955 Macon St Bevier MO Van and 2 people 2 nights pre-reg \$55. gate \$65. 3 nights \$65. pre-entry gate \$75. all campers \$15 pre-reg deadline may 10 2024 Make checks to Vantasia vans send to Vantasia Vans 10900 230th St Linwood, KS 66052 info Don Noone 913-486-8866 Dnooner56@gmail.com

Broward's Laid Back Hillbilly Week-end

Primitive eVANt

Old time, no frills, get together

March 1-3, 2024

16298 SE 95th Trl
White Springs, Florida 32096

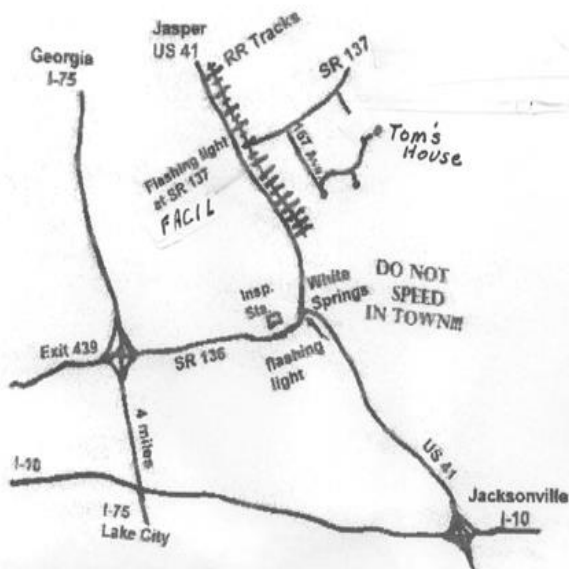
Saturday: Bring a covered dish,
we will supply the meat

Friday: night soup night

Evening campfire gathering

\$20 per van pre reg

\$30 at gate



Just let us know your coming; so we know how much meat to get!

From I-75: take FL-136 exit, EXIT 439 toward White Springs; Left on US 41 past Steven Foster Memorial; at blinking light turn right on SR137, cross railroad tracks take first right on 157 Ave.; follow around to the big log home.

Info: Sidewinder 386-397-1616 – Linard H. 954-472-0461 M. 754-224-8292 – Lew 321-624 2265

Make checks payable to: Earl Morris

Mail to: Linard Morris; 12931 SW 10th Court; Davie, FL 33325

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I release South Florida Vans, Broward Chapter, it's members and Tom McCumber of any responsibility for any injury, accident and/or theft which might occur to me, my guests, my vehicle and/or property. I will be responsible for all persons entering with me. Anyone under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign this release.

Sign _____ Date _____

July 2024

July 7-9	Canada	Boogie Bash 24 95 Stringers Lane Burnstown OHt Canada This years theme CONVOY. from our event to the 51st Nationals in
July 10-14	MA	51st National Truck-in (Vanlympic) hosted by the New England Van Council @ Franklin County Fairgrounds 89 Wisdom Way Greenfield, MA pre-reg deadline 6/1/24 \$55. van and 2 people, Gate \$65. camping trailers \$20. gate \$30. extra people in the van over 18 \$20. extra days starting Sunday \$20 per van and \$20 per trailer per day Starting Sunday the 7th. Pub Crawl, public show and shine, food vendors. Make checks to New England Van Council send to Paul Orzechowski 5 Preston Park, Rutland VT 05701 info Fred 207-776-0437 HTTP://www.van-nationals.com



**"Roads were made for journeys
not destinations."**

- Confucius

Florida Van Council

Membership and newsletter application _____

Membership Year

Club – If you are not a member of a club write “independent”

Name

Handle

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Newsletter - send by Email ONLY *check box*

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- All members may vote at meetings and hold an office.
- If you renew your membership after December 31 it will be an additional \$1.00 (\$21)

Fees

\$20 (1 year Jan. – Dec.)

\$15 (1/2 year July 1 – Dec. 31)

- It is your responsibility to notify the FVC of any address or phone number changes or you may not receive your newsletter.

*** Please make all checks and money orders payable to:

Florida Van Council, Inc.

and mail to:

FVC Treasurer:

Linard Morris

12931 sw 10th ct

Davie, FL 33325

Keep on Vanning. It doesn't get any better than this!