

Florida Van Council Newsletter



March 2026

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Working for the betterment of Vanning

Next FVC meeting/ eVANt

Date: March 7, 2026

Time: 12:00

Cost: \$36/ van(2PP) + covered dish

Place: Sidewinder's Log House

16298 SE 95th Trail, White Springs, FL 32096

Directions: From I-75 exit 439 to SR136, Left on US 41 past Steven Foster Memorial; at flashing light turn right on SR137, cross railroad tracks take first right on 157 Ave.; follow around to the big log home.

Event: Broward's Laid Back Hillbilly Week-end

Bring – a – side dish

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. 50/50 – Adjournment

**Next Meeting --- To Be Announced
June, 2026**

---Next Newsletter Deadline is approximately 1 month before next meeting –

Cover: Marc's van as seen at Vanners in the Forest X

Broward's Laidback Hillbilly Weekend

Primitive eVANt

Old time, no frills, get together

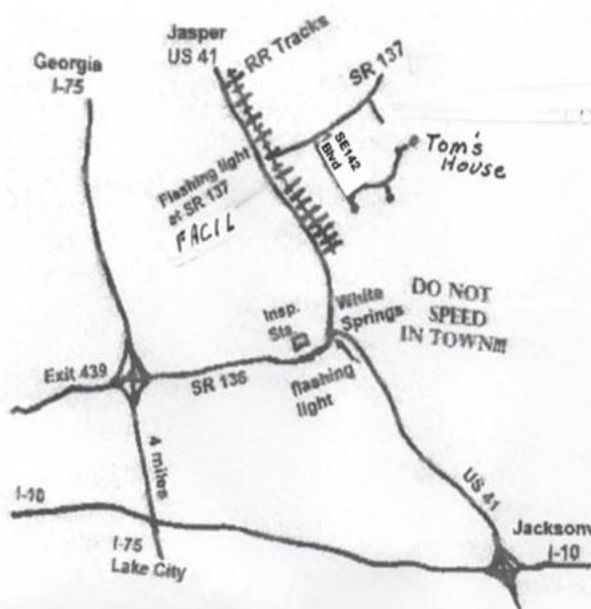
March 6 - 8, 2026

16298 SE 95th Trl
White Springs, Florida 32096

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

Friday: Soup night

Evening campfire gathering



\$26 per van pre reg

\$36 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 SE 142nd Blvd.; follow around to the big log home.

Info: Sidewinder 386-234-5114—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



FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL



Minutes of the January 10, 2026 meeting at River Forest Group Camping Area in the Ocala National Forest, near Deland, are as follows:

Judith called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Minutes of the November 22, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

There were 7 clubs present and TWO Excused Absences (out of 10 clubs total) during roll call.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linard gave the treasurer's report and noted that the 2026 FVC dues are due now.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Gnarly gave the newsletter report . He noted that we don't need to charge \$5 more on the dues for FVC members who want the newsletter sent by mail at this time. We'll discuss it again at the next meeting. Lew and others noted that the old, printed newsletters are great for handing out to prospective new vanners, so they can see what we do and what we're all about.

Linard said we need more input from the vanners, not just the FVC officers. It doesn't need to be a fancy article. It could be an article, something interesting about vans or vanning, a poem, or joke, etc. Deadline for inputs to the next newsletter is February 14 (Valentine's Day).

VAN-IN UPDATES:

Broward

March 6 – 8 – Broward's Laid Back Hillbilly Weekend – Linard reminded us about soup on Friday night. Otherwise, same as usual.

HOAVC

February 19 – 21 - Council of Councils Meeting – Margaritaville Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas \$185 plus tax per night including resort fee Call 1-913-340-1800 for reservations. ask for Jen

Ipsen-Tebow or JIpsen@margaritavillehotelkansascity.com mention HOAVC and Council of Councils. Rates are good Thursday – Saturday. This is a new hotel. The restaurant has reasonable prices. There is a shuttle that goes within 2 miles of the hotel. You can go to numerous restaurants, a casino's and shops. It's in a huge shopping area. There is no airport shuttle. Airport is 24 miles from hotel.

Check out Facebook events page, or Council of Councils web page or www.HOAVC.org

VAN-IN PROPOSALS:

FVC

October 23 – 25 – Konehead and Friends – Robinson Ranch – Judith gave us an update on Kone's status. Kone (728-231-2691) is in great spirits, and living with his brother Rick (386-405-1731) for now. 1709 Avenue B, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

FVC

November 20 – 22 - FriendsGiving at Robin Lane Farm , 6180 21st St. SW, Vero Beach, FL. Bring a soup to share on Friday night, Saturday night Pot Luck with Turkey provided. Pre-reg \$15.00 to Judith Pilon, 6180 21st St. SW, Vero Beach, FL 32968. 407-484-2234 Bring a generator if you want. Some power is available.

FVC meeting on Saturday if you want to attend.

Bonfire both nights. Lots of sheep to play with. If you pre-reg I will call you to tell you which road is better to drive. The last 3 miles are on dirt roads. From I-95 take Highway 60 to 58th Street South. to 21st street.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Cari asked if there were any ideas for a location for the June meeting, maybe on June 20. Mook said she had generally talked with Luna Sands Resort, 1440 E. Minnesota Ave., Orange City, FL, but no specifics. This is a campground we used to go to in the past, when it was called Clark's Family Campground.

Upcoming Meetings

March 7 - Sidewinder's

June 20 – Cari & Mook are working on securing a location

November 21 (Thanksgiving is November 26) - Judith's

January 15 – 17, 2027 - River Forest – Booked & paid for

Dean, from United Truckers, noted that we had lost someone earlier and Penny McCombs, recently.

We welcomed some visitors:
Ben & Loraine
Mark

Cari made a motion to adjourn and the 39-minute meeting was concluded at 12:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Cunningham



FVC Newsletter Editor

Howdy all!

Lookin Forward to Broward's Laidback Hillbilly Weekend. North Florida is becoming familiar as Mook & I are still looking for an inland retreat property. The more time that passes, the further North our search is taking us. We hold out still looking for something within a couple hours of my beach home paradise. My tourist business continues to be a challenge as we have the regulars and locals sustaining us until the hotels get the tourists back in. This is why I am looking forward to heading up north. As Joe Van says " It's nice to escape reality" even its for a few days. Why, Joe Van, Why? Or is it Where?

Well it sure will be nice to see y'all again.

This Newsletter is possible because of all you Vanners supporting evants and sending in contributions. Thank you!

Gnarly

FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

CLUB ROSTER – March 7th, 2026

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FVC President



Forest for 2027.

Once again River Forest was a great time. Lots of good food all weekend. Linard stopped to get the fire wood on his way in and we were able to have a huge fire. Linard also provided the music. Ben and Lorraine can down form PA to join us. We are already booked for River

Next up was the Council of Councils meeting in Kansas City KS. Hosted by Heart of America Van council. Tammie, Susie and the group did a great job. The band were good both nights. Friday vanners who had them wore the shirts that Bonnie Madonia had made over the years with National truck-in themes. Donnie Noone got lots of coupons for different restaurants in the area. A lot of us ate at Culvers for free. He and Beckie also hosted a party at their house on Thursday after a trip to Joe's barbeque. Cari, John, Mook and I all had a good time and were a little late getting home due to the weather but all in all it was a great time.

We will be going to WI next year and WI Van council always host a good meeting. One of the questions asked is if the C o C meeting was still relevant with all the social media out get at the meeting itself but what info you going talking to people who attend. The chance to connect one on one is very valuable.

My house is finally on the market but not moving. Too many new houses have flooded the area that are offering 3.5% interest The new house should be finished the end of April.

See you all at Sidewinders

Judith

FVC Treasurer

Hi All,

The last meeting was held at River Forest, and it looks like we didn't lose money. That's always great. We had some new faces which were nice to see. Fun and food were had by all. Nice to get away and out in nature. Come join us next year. Next year's dates are January 15 and 16th, mark it on your calendar. The weather is nice at that time of year.



Next up is Broward's Hillbilly laid back weekend number?? I can't remember how many of these weekends we are up too now. Friday night is soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. So, if you would like to bring some to share, feel free to bring some. We will also have breakfast in the morning on Saturday. Then on Saturday night we supply the meat (chicken, pork, venison). You supply a covered dish with something inside of it. If we have leftover food, we will have breakfast on Sunday morning. Most of the time, we do. One thing about Broward, we don't go hungry. We will do our famous buggy lawn chair rides. So, get out of the city and come to God's country. All this for \$26.00. Also don't speed though town on the way here. Please pre-register if you can or call me (754-224-8292) and let me know if you are coming.

This year our fire pit will be in a new location. Sidewinder has added a new addition to his yard. A 50x86 pole barn/workshop. If it rains, we have more cover. I hope to see you there.

On a sad note, on the 13th of this month we lost Bonnie Madonia. Joe and Bonnie have been great supporters of vanning for a long time. She was always a hard worker and a genuinely kind person. She will be missed. Our condolences go out to Joe and her family.

So, get out and enjoy life today. You don't know what life has in store for you tomorrow. Dues are due. I hope to see you soon.

Linard



— IN LOVING MEMORY —

Bonnie Jean Madonia

FEBRUARY 23, 1953 — FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Please join us as we gather to celebrate the remarkable life of Bonnie Jean Madonia. She brought so much love and laughter to all who knew her. Bonnie was a legend in the vanning community. She was renowned for designing exceptional handmade shirts and apparel for a wide range of vanners. Her card-making skills were equally impressive.

The Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the residence of Bonnie and Joe: 12101 Chuck Circle, Hudson, FL 34669. We encourage attendees to share memories as we honor Bonnie's remarkable legacy.

Kindly RSVP to Susie Martin at boopgeek@hotmail.com or (317) 210-0298. If you wish to contribute food or beverages, please specify your planned donation. Casual attire is requested, per Joe's preference.

In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to the Museum of Vanning and Hall of Fame, Inc. at 12121 Little Road, Box 320, Hudson, FL 34667.

Visit the

Museum of Vanning



www.vanningmuseum.com

Editor's Note:

Current and past member roster (Names only) can be found by checking the FVC website at this address:

[FVC Members - Florida Van Council, INC.](http://www.floridavancouncil.com/fvc-business/fvc-roster/fvc-members/)

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Please contact Treasurer Linard if your name is missing...Newsletters only go to members on this list – Only \$20 per year to be on the list

-past years to 2019 are also viewable-

--- " DA' BEARS "---

Vanners in the Forest. This is my 3rd time attending this Van run. Lorraine came this time for her first. The weather was Vantabulous. Time went real fast which equals a mighty fine time. We met a few new faces this time, which is great. One of the guys was actually the Park Superintendent years ago. It's funny how things have a way of circling back. And boy what an awesome 87 Dodge he brang. If we were doing a Best of Show there, well anyway I loved all of the Vans that came to entertain us. If I/we had our fun meter on, and we do have a shirt pin that does measure these kinds of things. That meter would have been way up there. On Friday night we ate real good. A nice Fire was in effect and about 20 - 25 chairs in a circle to keep the night chill at bay. DJ Leonard kept us entertained until about 2am with some great commercial free music. I was in fact the last one left at the fire pit and DJ Leonard played two more great songs, another 20 minutes or so, probably because I kept yelling "GOD SMACK" when the songs ended. As we know this is sometimes the code word for keep on playing the music. Most of the time it is for a band.

Saturday arrives and we crawl out of our Van Called "Flash". Its 2017 paint code is called "Pull me over Red". Go figure. Another perfect day is here. Go on and started making a Charcoaled brunch. Attended the Florida Van Council meeting. Played and ran with the Dogs. Lucy doesn't run much any more. She's 20 and pretty much just moseys.

Lorraine and I want to pretty much thank everyone, especially the 4 other Dogs for putting up with Bumpy, our German Shepherd whose manners need improvement. And extra especially to Tom and his extra special Pup (Brat) who handled Bumpy like a champ. After all that, it's 3 O'clock and you know what that means..... Safety Meeting.....nough said....A couple of hours later.....And this is where the rest of the Vanners in Florida and around the Country missed out. I would recommend y'all come next year.

But if you think Friday nights dinner was good, and it was good, Saturdays was the BOMB. I can't even remember half the names of the great food. They don't play in the Forrest. Deserts were just unexpected. Cheese Cake, Cake. Correct me if I'm wrong but I don't think there was 5 star eating like this back in the 70's with 4 and 5 thousand Vans. But if they did that, it would be a massively long buffet table. I just kept eating a little bit of everything. Lorraine concurs and I did see her eating and eating and eating. Lorraine says this is how it's supposed to be, good food, good friends, in your Van down by the River, the St. Johns River that is. Of course next is the arrival at the Fire Place. And Randy (Gnarly) who I will refer to as Fire Marshall Gnarly from now on did a great job keeping the fire stoked and ummmm on fire. Later on in the night we played a couple of games of flashing glowing horseshoes which was different. The first game took about 20 or 30 minutes to finish because our depth perception was out of wack for more than one reason or another. And it was only to 7 points.

So, I gave this article the name "Da' Bears". Here's why. In a previous Forrest Van run, there were actual live Bears Camping with us. Maybe back in 2018. At times I think they were only 100 feet away. It was quite fascinating. A Mother with a couple of Cubs. And us Vanners. Pretty unique. And then we have DJ Leonard, playing great music again all night. Then suddenly without warning, DJ Leonard mixes in the final 2 or 3 minutes of the Green Bay Packers and "Da Bears" for somewhat of a cliff hanger. Because it could have gone either way in that last minute. "DA BEARS" won the game thus, night capping the party with the article being named. Thank Y'all for a great time.

Lorraine and Ben,

"Flyin' Dutchmen Vans"

Lancaster, PA.

Lorraine Coldren---Club President



Howdy from Jo and I.

Hopefully everyone survived the cold fronts. Not too bad here in south Florida. It was good to have a cold snap though. Took care of almost all of the iguanas and many invasive fish that we have down here in the canals and in the lake. So sorry to hear about Bonnie and Larry from the museum and many other friends. Unfortunately, looks like this is going to be the way now days. Haven't been out much with Lightning lately as

we're already into our busy season and have had three sets of company. Always love that. Three different couples from my old hometown Uniontown, PA and the Fishes finally made it down. Donny and Beth were a hoot! We had a great time. I think they were shocked of the beauty and how many things there are to do down here. Not much else to add other than looking forward to seeing everyone this summer. Like every year we will be finishing up all of our jobs the end of June and then back on the road till October.

Keep on truckin' and we'll see you out there somewhere.
Love All!

Oop & Jo

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Vanners in the Forest - X





**2026
Council of Council
Meeting**



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.

2026

March 6-8	FL	Broward's Laidback Hillbilly Weekend. Primitive event 16298 SE 95th Trail White Springs FL Saturday bring a covered dish, we will supply the meat, Friday Soup night Huge campfire each night. From 1-75 take FL136 Exit 439 toward White springs. Go several miles to US 41 turn left. go to the blinking light and turn Right and cross the tracks and turn right on SE 142nd Blvd. follow it around to the big log house. Info Linard 945-472-0461 pre-reg \$26. gate \$36 mail to Linard Morris 12931 SW 10th Ct. Davie FL 33325
March 7-9	NY	Salt City Vans Mid-winter party. Celebrating the Red, White and blue. prize for the best use of theme. Poker run sigh up 10:30 am. the Spinning Wheel Restaurant 7384 Thompson Rd. Syracuse. \$. per hand. Poker run starts at 11AM. Dinner \$30 per person served 2-6 Last shuttle to the hotel is at 6PM Hotel Concord Syracuse. 6605 Old Collamer Rd. book at 315-463-6443 mention Salt City to get the \$99 room rate. call JD for more info 717-487-0883
March 14	PA	Snowballed 49 by Moon Lite Vans at Grill Fire Company #1 in Reading
March 14	IL	Let's get Snowed #41. by Downstate Illinois Van Council at Comfort Inn 201 E. Ashland St. Morton IL for reservations at hotel call 309-263-5116 and mention DIVC 6 PM till Midnight. \$25. per person info Debra 309-360-1696
March 15	RI	Join the parade 74 W. Warwick Ave West Warwick RI Meet at 10 AM parade rolls at 1 PM sharp Greateful Vanners

March 20-22	MO	Freeze Out truck-in Bevier RV Center 955 N. Macon St. Bevier MO 660-773-5313 free beer Friday and Saturday night. friday night games and live music. Saturday Breakfast \$ while it last, VanLine up & show. afternoon games, chili Dinner, Wine Tasting and shot bar, music Pre-reg by 311 or pay at the party gate \$50 for van and 2 adults, \$10. per each extra adult. Early camping is available but will have a separate price and arrangements made with the grounds and paid to them. send pre-reg to Three Trails Vans of Kansas City. c/o Rick Kenney 24204 NE 136th Terrace, Excelsior Springs MO 64024
March 28	FL	Cruise & Brews Van Run Mystery Cruise Meet up at 13245 W. Colonial Dr, Winter Garden at 11 AM
April 8-12	VA	Acme Van Run @Shads' park 26709 Troublefield Rd. Stony Creek VA show-n-shine Hot wheel races Chillin & Grillin more to come as available
April 10-12	OK	Van Fair South XLVII at Burns Run West Campground. 825 West Bruns Rd. Cartwright OH 903-965-4990 Pre reg by 3/31 \$40. gate \$45. extra people \$5. trailers \$15 . send to Lone Star Van Club 111, VZ County Road 3204 Willis Point TX 75169 info Z 817-891-4375
April 12	CO	April fools Rally Back to the Future by Co Van Asso. at Carpenter Park Parking Lot Just West of Colorado Blvd on 108th Ave in Thornton Co. Time 10 AM price \$10. er vehicle. The April Fools Rally is a gimmick style road rally under 30 miles in length, set up on City streets, all cars,truck, 4×4 clubs are welcome. Independents are also welcome trophies, dash plaques, games, music, Drinks and Food available at the rall's end. Kids stuff too. more info email earlyvaner@aol.com
August 15	IL	Van Show 1-4PM \$10. donation to local food bank 275 S. Hickory, Braidwood, LI To Fuel Saloon.net by ALIVE trophy's, dash plaquis, bright-n-shine 6pm Large food selection Toys for tots , Boobers Bloody Bar on Sunday morning . once you arrive you can spend the night.primitive camping with porta-johns plenty of parking no need to get a DUI Live music,

April 18	PA	Borderline Truckers presents Blessing of the Vans @Jack & Donna's 836 Lake Rd. Avondale PA, Time 10AM Until? Cost \$20.00 per van Pot Luck luncheon instead of caravanning to a restaurant. We'll provide burgers and dogs Bring a dish to share BYOB contact Will @ 484-486-3418 for more info
April	IN	Bluegrass Vanners 50 years of vanning @Ripley County Fairgrounds 525 W Branch St Osgood IN gate \$50. pre-reg \$45 send to Bluegrass Vanners 1214 Mt Holly Rd Fairdale KY 40118
April 24-26	RI	Blessing of the Vans by Out to Lunch Bunch. At Tavern on the Hill 809 Nooseneck Hill rd. West Greenwich,RI info John Rappa401-741-6861 send to John @ 31 Ivan St. North Providence RI 02904, pre-reg \$35. gate \$40 campers \$20. motor homes \$45 Father will arrive at noon on Saturday to bless the vans
April 24-26	PA	The Thaw !!, groovy 70's Weekend Gratz Fairground, Gratz PA Vinyl Noize weekend of fun Retro Vibes, cool Vans and Cooler people More info as available
4/27-5/4	CA	Gypsy Vanner River Run #11 15.5 Mile Mountain 99 Kernville CA Corral Creek Lodge 760-376-3601
May 1-3	IA	Vanniversary 51 by Central IA Vanners at Colfax Iowa 359 n. Walnut St. pre reg by 4/15 \$50 gate \$55. info Sue 515-266-8564 mail to Central Iowa Vanners C/O Bonnie Ritz 11549 Rutledge Rd. Ottumwa, IA 52501
May 15-17	OH	Spring Back IS MOVING. we just got notice that Mt. Vernon not available to us, so we will be moving after 38 years. We also had to change our dates. We will have more to come as available. We are still doing the event
May 7-10	RI	Narraganset Vans And Panel Truckers Presents it's Five O'Clock Somewhere. Live entertainment, cuckoo Juice, Pot Luck dinner, Chinese Auction \$20 per person plus a side dish. 189 Fenner Hill Rd. Hope Valley, RI for more info text Sara 410-207-9821

May 14-17	MO	Half Baked Vanners Spring Fever by Vantazia Vans. at Macon County Fairgrounds 1305 s. Missouri St. Macon MO Phone 660-651-6516 Pre-reg 2 nights \$65. Gate \$75. 3 nights \$75 pre-reg, gate \$80. all campers \$20. extra people \$20 each. pre-reg by May 1st. if you want full hook-up there are 47 sites that you can rent for an additional \$20 per night paid to the campground at the fairground. first come first serve. this is in addition to the event fee. other sites have water and electric for no additional charge more info contact Don 913-486-8866
May 15-18	QC.	Van-In Tropical 25 Poirier Pierreville, QC, J0G 1G0 Celine Marsolais 514-910-1028 Pre-reg \$100
May 22-25	IN	Mid West vans presents Wasteland Weekend 51st International truck-in @ Jasper County Fairgrounds Rensselaer IN
May 22-25	NY	Lost in a Nightmare. Lost Memorial weekend at Washington County Fairgrounds Greenwich NY Pre-reg \$45. van and 2 adults. gate \$50. trailers up to 15 feet \$15. 16-26 \$25. over 26 ft \$30. moter homes with van \$75 pre gate \$85. moter home without van \$65 pre, gate \$70 extra days \$10 each. send to and make checks to Pat Martell 109 Beach Rd. Dingmans Ferry, PA 18238 info call Frank 203-305-4261
May 22-25	IN	Mid West Vans Ltd. 51st International truckin "Wasteland Weekend" at Jasper County Fairgrounds Rensselaer IN More to come as available
June 4-7 2026	Canada	VanFest 29. Alymer Ont Canada, Sweetwater Conservation area. 47719 Conservation Line early camping Thursday \$20. Friday and Saturday \$40. per person Saturday only \$20. There will be a fee for trailers which will be announced soon .go to Vanfestcanada.com/events/vanfest-28 to pre-reg limited electric. more info to come as available

VANFEST 29

June 4-7, 2026



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June 5-7

VA

Heavy in the Holler 6 by Renegade VAns at Clinch River Family Campground, Dufield, Va

June 12-14

MN

49th Good Times Truck-in by Twin City Vans Freeborn County Fairgrounds 1105 Bridge St. Albert Lee, MN Pot Luck Saturday night, show-n-shine, Bands pre-reg by 6/1 \$40. gate \$45. extra people \$10. Campers Free, extra nights \$25. make checks to Janet Townsend 600 Central Ave d New Prauge MN 56071

June 19-21	OH	Ghost Vanners in the Sky by CBS vanners at Tri County Sportsman League, Mudsock, OH Make checks to Marcus Welling send to Marcus 20867 TR 164 Coshocton, OH 43812 Rt 36 to West to RT 258 right turn to Dog Road. Electric medical use only. Vendors, live music, games
June 26-28	NY	Salt City Vans Down on the Farm \$50. pre reg by may 21 gate \$55, \$15, extra people \$20 trailers early arrivals \$15 per day Chenango Fairgrounds Norwich NY
June 25-28	NS Canada	MVC's Big 50. New Ross, Nova Scotia more info as available
June 28	MI	22nd Gathering of the Earlies. at Bakers of Milford. 2025 Milford Rd. Milford Mi . All Vans welcome, \$10. donation day of show. Raffles, 50/50 and door prizes . info Kelsey 734-957-6275
July 10-12	WI	Title Truckers River Run 2026 300 Wilbert St. Crivitz, WI 54114 friday Bonfire and band. Saturday Breakfast & Transportation to the river.(launch time noon if weather permits) Saturday night Pot luck and onfire. Park and Party in the yard. \$25. per person 17 and under free. with guardian, electricity \$5. if available . Paota Johns and booty wash shower trailer. nearby campgrounds are Diamond Lake (7.8 miles) 715-789-2113, Pestigo River (1.9 miles) 715-854-2986 Timberline Resort (4.8 miles) 715-854-2439 bring your own heavy duty tube and a live jacket for those under 13. water for the river, no water hookups for campers. electricity available for medical use only contact Monica 715-927-1518 or Shannon 920-210-3476
July 24-26	IN	Lake and Bake 5 the Opening Act. by Street Survivors Van Club at the Landing at Camp Redwing Muncie IN. more info as available
July 23-26	Ont	Vanmania 8.0 TV & Movies. by C'o;d School Vanners 17 shore Rd. Quinte West Ontario

53rd Van Nationals “Vanning to Mt Olympus” 899 Everett Hull Rd. Cortland OH 44410 Van and 2 adults pre-reg \$65. gate \$85. camping trailers pre-reg \$30. gate \$40. early arrivals Monday and Tuesday camping \$25 per day. campers \$20. per day, extra people \$50. mail to NOVC PO Box 270 Bolivar, OH 44612 info Bill Swinehart 330-365-0266 or Matt Esie 740-502-2840 NOVC on Face book <https://www.2026vannationals.com/>



The National Truck-in is a yearly gathering dedicated to vans and panel trucks, featuring a judged van show, games, music, seminars, vendors, and camping. Attendees-called vanners-bring everything from simple, stock vans to highly customized show vans.

Custom vanning began in the 1970s when people started converting basic work vans for personal use, helping inspire today's SUVs. While many longtime vanners are older now, a new generation is discovering vintage vans, especially pre-1980 American models and 1960s "early" vans.

All vans are welcome regardless of condition; the community is known for being friendly and welcoming. The event has been running since 1973, moving to different host clubs each year, and is unique because it's organized entirely by volunteers, with proceeds going to charity. The message ends by encouraging readers to consider getting a van and joining the fun.

August 7-9	IL	CITA presents Tropic-van-a Spring Creek Campground Montrose IL vans and Panels only no walk-ins send to CITA 102 Illini Ave, Allenville, IL 61951 more to come as available
August 8	MN	Chariots of The Gods Van and Motorcycle show and camp-out 211 Xt. Anthony Parkway. Minneapolis by Twin City Vans & Blue Cat motorcycles
August 13-16	MN	Ivan goes to Neverland, by NE vanners @ the Wilson Farm 1640 County Rd 6 SW Howard Lake MN Limited Electric \$10 discount if you bring you own generator Show-n-shine, games, Live music Breakfast Saturday morning and Pot Luck Saturday night. pre-reg by 8/8 \$45. for Thursday – Sunday, \$35. Friday – Sunday, Gate \$50 Thursday – Sunday and \$40 Friday – Saturday. Extra people \$10. Send to Kenny Wilson at the above address. info Kenny 763-516-1081
August 13-16	Ont Canada	Bogie Bash 26 by Bogie Munster vans European Vacation Burnstown Ont. more info as available
August 14-16	MA	Boogie Affair A Mardi Gras Affair. Franklin County fairgrounds. 89 Wisdom Way Greenfield MA Thursday arrival after 12PM are subject to an additional cost of \$10 per van, \$10 per trailer and \$15 per motor home. Friday entry at 9AM pre-reg \$40 van and 2 people at gate \$45. sleep-in trailers \$30. motorhomes pre reg \$80 gate \$85. make checks to New England Van Council and sent c/o Paul Orzechowski 5 Preston Park , Rutland VT 05701 additional info Ben 774-328-5379
August 15-16	IL	Van-Da-Monium Braidwood or Bust Van show. show Saturday 1-4 Live music \$10. donation to local food pantry. 275 s. Hickory Braidwood IL

August 21-23	OH	Knightmare Vanners presents BFE 15. Show yo Gmy yahoo.comlow Truck-in Richland Co Fairgrounds. 341 Lantz Rd. Mansfield OH Show & Shine, Show & Glow, Best Campsite, Food Trucks, Bands Fri and Saturday. Swap meet, Games, Pre-reg by 8/1 \$50 at gate\$60. Campers, \$20. extra people \$20 each. for more info call 419-543-8929. send to Nightmare Vanners Inc. 101 W. Cook Rd. Mansfield, OH 44907 paypal Vannersknightmare@low Truck-in Richland Co Fairgrounds. 341
8/22-23	Ont Ca	Omeme Jams in the Van! Getting Laid in Hawaii. 121 Grassy Rd. Omeme Ont Canada
8/28-30	Nova	Giv'r on the Riv'r by Tri Town Vans Tidnish, Nova Scotia more as available
September 4-7	IN	7th Annual CAVE-IN at Jasper County Fairgrounds, 200 S. 700 W Rensselaer, IN pre-reg \$60. gate \$80. Thursday night \$25. Trailers \$20. Extra people \$15. goodie beg to the first 50 pre-reg info 708-536-8291 send check to by 10/30 C A V E 6979 West 85th Ave Crown Point IN 46307
September 4-7	SD	5th Annual Giddy-Up Go! by Dakota Street Vans 47268 291St St Beresford SD Donation by 8/15 \$75. gate \$85 /3 nights, \$65/2 nights some power available as well as rustic outdoor showers Pot luck dinner Saturday night, van cruise Saturday and public show Mail to Lex Linton 2808 S. Lyndale Ave Sioux Falls SD 57105
Sept 4-7	VT	The Vanishing #11 hosted by Vanished 45 Reynolds Rd. Grand Isle VT pre-reg \$40, Gate \$50. extra people \$10. single axle trailers \$10. early arrivals 9/3 \$10 per day No electric or water. single axle trailer's only
September 4-7	OH	Buckeye Van Asso. Lazy Summer Days at Trumbull County Fairgrounds 899 Everett Hull Rd Cortland pre-reg \$60. gate \$65. trailers \$25. extra people \$10.walk-ins \$20 per day. Contact Doug Gibson 440-563-8081 send to Buckeye Van Asso c,/o Roger Garey 2442 Overland Ave NE Warren OH 44482

September 10-13	PA	Deja Vu !! by Spread Out Vanners at Schuylkill County Fairground Summit Station PA theme is Happy 250th Birthday USA Pre reg \$60. early arrivals can line up at the gate. Food for sale all meals Friday night dinner by pre-reg only Chicken \$12. extra. Pre reg by 9/1 \$60. extra people \$10. Campers/trailers \$30 motorhomes\$90 chicken dinner Friday night by pre-reg only. \$12 send pre-reg to Bob Tierney 180 Delaware Ave. Oakhurst NJ 07755 info 732-861-2662
September 11-13	MN	Corn Belt Van Council 44th Annual Truck-in & Vans Giving at Camp Fukowie 17408 CTY Rd. 37 Altura MN. Music Fri & Sat. Free Beer Sat night, Free Corn, Cribbage Tournament and much more. Pot luck on Saturday night. Gate \$40, extra people \$10. Trailers free, pre-reg by 8/29 \$35. send to Cheryl Murphy Long 4115 E. River Re. NE Rochester MN 55906 info call Cherly 507-261-7830
Sept 15-18	MO	Van Rock Fredericktown, MO Vanners and Van Lifers, Live music, creek time, Off Grid spot \$60. Electric Spot \$80. Full hook-up \$125. Snique Stays \$125 per night. Reserve your spot. Fredrock.us@gmail.com WWW.Fredrock.us 573-944-9676
9/25-27	NC	GSRV XXII by SouthEast Van Council @ Smokey Mountain Meadows campground. 755 E. Alarka Rd. Bryson City, NC 828-488-3672 Http://smokeymntnmeadows.com
9/26-27	IL	Barnard Boogie by Boogie Bastards at Crow + Calko Tavern Mones IL Vans, Banks, Camping
9/25- Oct 1	TX	Five day site-seeing vanner adventure ending at Byob 11 by Bluegrass vanner in Amarillo
10/2-4	CA	BYOB 11 Canyon RV Park Anaheim Hills CA
Oct 5-11	VA	East Coast Vanner Nationals End of the year main event at Shads' park 26709 Troublefield Rd. Stony Creek VA

Oct 8-12	RI	Narragansett Vans and Panel Truckers presents Island of Misfit Toys. at Doc and Dee's Live entertainment, cuckoo Juice, Pot Luck dinner, Chinese Auction \$20 per person plus a side dish. 189 Fenner Hill Rd. Hope Valley, RI for more info text Sara 410-207-9821
October 9-11	WI	A Howling Van-Pir-Te #30 Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St. Elkhorn WI Kitchen, restrooms, trick or Treat, show N Shine Bright N shine Games. Vans and Panels only. Pre-reg by 10/1 \$55. Gate \$60. Sleeping trailers \$20. extra people \$20. early camping \$25. per night. Just Saturday night \$30. send to Hy-rollin Vans 12866 W. Country Club Rd. Waukegan, IL 60087 info Taz 847-560-5147
Oct 16-18	NH	Frostbite Frolic Hosted by Central Mass Street Vans at Stateline Campground 850 RT 12 South Fitzwilliam NH Polar plunge, pumpkin carving, trick or treat, Soup Tent. Van \$45. Trailer \$15. Extra Days. \$15 per night, Trailers under 24 ft , no RV's
October 16-18	IA	HOAVC'S HAVOC #47 at Jasper County Fairgrounds Colfax IA Halloween Theme is Back, Taco Port Luck Dinner Saturday night, Pre-reg by 10/1 \$45. gate \$50. Extra people \$10. Thursday night \$20 send to Hart of America Van Council C/O Suzy Phillips 24205 NE 136th St. Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
October 23-25	FL	Konehead and Friends @ Robinson's Ranch 19730 S.E. 127 Terrace Dunnellon, FL pre reg \$ 75. gate \$85 motorhomes and campers \$90. Gate \$100. early arrivals \$25 per night. costume contest, pumpkin carving, show and shone, etc. send to FVC C/O Linard Morris 12931 SW 10th Ct. Davie, FL 33325 info Judith 407-484-2234
October 24-25	TN	Boogie Fried #4. Bus Barn \$100 per Van, pre-party October 23 \$15 per person. Free exclusive t-shirt for pre-reg only Vans , Raffles, mni Bike fun, show and shine, live music Full bar and restaurant. Primitive camping, small generators ok, Porta Potties in camp, sower house on property WWW.Vaanker.co



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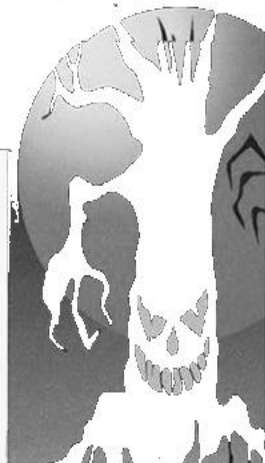
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Vans	\$75	\$85
Motorhomes / Campers	\$90	\$100
Early Arrivals	\$25	per night

I release Konehead, Friends, Florida Van Council, Inc. and Robinson Ranch of any liability to myself or property.

Print Name _____

Signature _____



November 6-8	VA	Halloween Beach Bash at Holiday Trav-L Park. 1075 General Booth Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA Campsites \$38. + Tax with W & E full hook-up or cabins 10% off. Band Tickers \$10. Costumes, Saturday pot Luck games, campfire and sing-a -long..RSVP Connie info 757-620-3311
November 20-22	FL	Friends Giving at Robin Lane Farm 6180 21st St. SW Vero Beach, FL bring a soup to share on Friday night, Saturday night Pot Luck with Turkey provided. Pre-reg \$15.00 to Judith Pilon 6180 21st St. SW Vero Beach, FL 32968. 407-484-2234 bring a generator if you want. Some power is available, FVC meeting on Saturday if you want to attend. bonfire both nights. lots of sheep to play with. If you pre-reg I will call you to tell you which road is better to drive. the last 3 miles are on dirt roads. from I-95 take Highway 60 to 58th street south. to 21st street.
January 14-19/2027	FL	"Vanners in the Forest. River Forest group camping in the Ocala National Forest 45700 River Forest Blvd. Deland FL just west of the Rt 44 bridge on Rt 42. cost for Friday and Saturday is \$50 by Jan 2nd gate \$60. day pass only is \$5.Cost for Thursday will be determined on the amount of people who show on Thursday. We will provide the meat and you will bring a Covered dish on Saturday night. Soup cook off on Friday night So being a dish to share. We can not enter the grounds before 3 PM Thursday and exit by 11 AM Sunday no electric in the camping area. electric in the picnic area only. Generators are OK . send Checks to Florida Van Council c/o Linard Morris 12931 SW 10th Ct Davie, FL 33325 Call Judith 407-484-2234

WHO IS THIS GUY !!!

After a long night of making love, the guy notices a photo of another man, on the woman's nightstand by the bed.

He begins to worry. "Is this your husband?" he nervously asks.

"No, silly," she replies, snuggling up to him.

"Your boyfriend, then?" he continues.

"No, not at all," she says, nibbling away at his ear.

"Is it your dad or your brother?" hoping to be reassured.

"No, no, no! You are so hot when you're jealous!" she answers.

"Well, who in the hell is he, then?" he demands.

She whispers in his ear: "That's me before the surgery."

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- All members may vote at meetings and hold an office.
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