

FVC Newsletter



September 2013

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Next FVC meeting/ eVANT

Date: August 31st, 2013

Time: 12:00

Cost: BYO Drinks, Burgers, Dogs, etc. – Donations accepted

Place: Jr. & Glenda's Habitat - 7240 Wicklow Lane; Englewood, 34224

Directions: Directions from Rt. 75 (I-75) heading Southward from Tampa

To exit #191, River Rd.

To Winchester Rd. to Rt. 776 (McCall Rd.) go left

To third traffic light (Sunnybrook Rd) Turn right

To 4th road Regina Rd. turn left

To Wicklow Lane turn right - 7240 Wicklow Lane

Schedule:

11:45am Officers to Pool Area (open discussion 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. Old Business,
6. New Business
7. Van-in proposals
8. Van-in updates
9. Nominate new officers

10. Clean up meeting area and prepare for Pool Party!

October 13, 2013 - Next Newsletter deadline – October 13, 2013

2013 Last Meeting at Foridian RV Resort November 9th, 2013

Election of 2014 Officers & Pig Roast Party

On the Cover: Oop, Jo & Lightning with their 41st Nationals Trophy

FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL CLUB ROSTER

August 31, 2013

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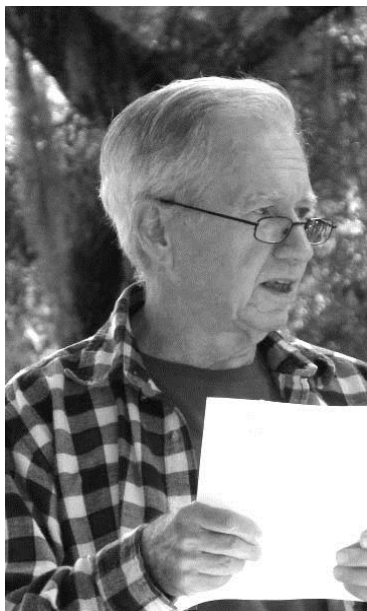
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FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the June 8, 2013 meeting at Floridian RV Resort, in St. Cloud, are as follows:

Buffalo Bob called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 23, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

There were 10 clubs present (out of 14 clubs total) and 3 Excused Absences during roll call. 2nd Generation Truckers arrived after roll call, so there were a total of 11 clubs present for the meeting. It was noted that Spaceman had to move to Rhode Island for cancer treatment. He's OK now, and we all look forward to seeing him back in Florida as soon as his circumstances permit.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linard gave the Treasurer's report. Bob asked about progress on getting dash plaques, etc. Linard is still working on that.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Deadline for inputs to the next issue of the newsletter is August 4. Send inputs to news@floridavancouncil.com.

REMAINDER OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR 2013:

August 31	Jr. and Glenda's - Englewood
November 9	Election of Officers and Pig
	Roast – Floridian R.V. Resort

OLD BUSINESS:

We missed the deadline for getting the FVC listed in the credits for donating to the Vanning Documentary being created by Little Cabin Films. So, the officers decided not to send the donation we discussed at the last meeting. Especially since the film company got all the funds they requested, so our contribution would not stop the film from being completed. Gnarly did note that ForePlay had made a donation, and made sure that the credits reflected that Florida had supported the film. Scribe John also noted that Central Florida Vans had made a donation, and "Florida" is in the club name, so all the viewers of the film will know we did our share.

Council of Councils (CofC) meeting. It was noted that the regular hotel for the 2014 CofC meeting, in New Orleans, has no more rooms available. Vanners are now being booked in the overflow hotel, nearby. Ritchie said the only way he could get into the regular hotel was to book one of the last 2 large suites. Gnarly is going to share the suite with Ritchie. Vanners will “buddy” up, or whatever else it takes, to get to our international convention.

Beverly Beach. Foreplay’s event was a success, in spite of the “non” tropical storm. Everyone who attended said it sure looked and felt like a tropical storm to them. Everyone had a great time. It was nice that the campground did have a covered area. Bones was extremely generous and donated his grill for the occasion. Everyone appreciated that, as well as all the other vanners who chipped in to help.

Feed the Hungry. C-van brought the details on how the FVC, or any vanner, can help to feed the hungry. She, herself, has donated to the organization, which provides meals for the homeless and hungry all over America. All one has to do is go to the website, www.DontLookAway.org . A donation of \$19.95 will provide 88 meals for the hungry. A motion that the FVC donate \$19.95 to the organization was carried by a unanimous hand vote. C-van will see that the donation gets made, and get with Linard to get the funds from the FVC Treasury.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

VAN-IN PROPOSALS:

There were no new van-in proposals.

VAN-IN UPDATES:

National Truck-In July 10 – 14, 2013 – Old Washington, Ohio. Joe Madonia noted that we have 300 pre-reg so far. Great band on Friday, 18 vendors in place, including a Van Shop with parts for older model vans, an old-time pin striper and a glass etcher. He said that Coop and Judith said they could start the NATS 2 weeks from now, if they had to. They’re ready! Agnes noted that the kids games would start at 1 PM on Wednesday and 11 – 12 on the other days. She noted that volunteers for the games, helping out with ice, or the front gate would really be appreciated.

Junior & Glenda August 30, 2013 – September 2, 2013. FVC meeting on Saturday, August 31, 2013. Junior said we’re bringing back the armchair volleyball and continuing the pool games. Covered dish on Friday and a “group” spaghetti meal on Saturday. Meredith (aka Mook) is in charge of coordinating who brings what to the meal. Check with her before you decide what to bring.

GSVR IX

October 4 - 6, 2013 – Flaming Arrow Campground just south of Cherokee, NC. Put on by Southeast Van Council.

FVC

October 25 - 27, 2013 – FVC's 40th Anniversary Truck-In - Sunshine Key Campground, mile marker 39, U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys. Spookytooth noted that there would NOT be a full moon that weekend. Last time there was a little flooding of the ocean side campsites. The high tide contributed to that. HUT Slut Tours will be doing the kids games. Rick Chester said we should get new trophies for the van show.

We'll have XM satellite music. No band. Cari liked the movies we had last night and suggested we have similar movies at the Keys eVant. Scribe John was asked to bring a game and he said he would bring at least one game, with trophies. Mook noted that, "If you're under 65 years old and plan to go fishing in the Keys, be sure to have your Florida Salt Water Fishing license with you! You do have to have a Florida Fishing license to fish in the ocean or gulf."

Joe Madonia will take care of the dash plaques, etc. to FVC's 40th Anniversary Truck-In. He expressed concern about some things that were said after the CofC 2012 meeting. He noted that he has always supported the FVC and tried, as a vendor, to supply the FVC with t-shirts, dash plaques, etc. that were what the FVC expected. He did mention that artwork on iron-on transfers for t-shirts will last quite a while if you wash the shirts in cold water and let them air-dry. A motion by Lew, seconded by Cari, that Joe handle the dash plaques, t-shirts, etc., including getting the artwork done, was carried by hand vote, with one dissention.

Cari made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was concluded.

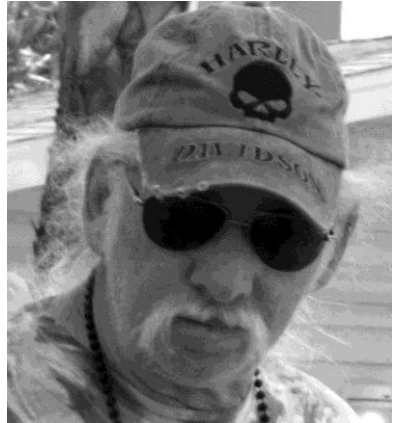
Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

FVC President

Hello Fellow Vanners, The Florida Van Council was well represented at the 41st. Van Nationals. Almost everybody from Florida pitched in and helped make the eVant a success. The work by our members made me proud to be a part of the FVC.

The weather was wet at times and the freak windstorm that hit was exciting and quickly destroyed many canopies.(especially Linard's). By Sat. afternoon I was exhausted and napped thru the awards ceremony.



The Florida Van Council was presented with a nice plaque for all our efforts. I was touched that the people who had done so much from Florida decided to present the plaque to Carol and I. That thought meant a lot to us. I know that the award is for us all. We did our part but everybody else did just as much. I will hold the plaque for now and every time I see it be reminded of the true Vanning spirit our Florida Vanning family has.

Agnes once again showed well over a hundred people how good Florida Gator can be. We set out a spread with Gator, "Gator Loin", chips, dips and other goodies. Vanners also seemed to enjoy the 2 ½ quarts of my "Red Eye Pie" (credit to be shared with Gnarley). The people who came to our camp all left happy. Many having tasted our Florida offerings for the first time. Everybody chipped in to help with our party.

There was a huge Van show on Fri. and Sat. with hundreds of Vans. The Final attendance for the Nats was right at 660 Vans making it the biggest in several years.

Every Vanner owes Judith and Coop a big "Thank You" for the work they did to make this happen. They did a fantastic job.

Next Evant in Florida is the Annual party and FVC meeting at Jr. and Glenda's. Make plans to be there for the meeting, good food, good friends, and a fun party.

Buffalo Bob, 2013 Pres. and proud member of the FVC

FVC Vice Pres and Social Director



Dear FVC, This year has flown by. I can barely recall the great eVANts we have participated. (no wisecracks, there)

We are looking forward to Labor Day at Sammett Fest.

I am looking for some cooler weather at GSVR in Cherokee NC.

Don't forget the Keys is just around the corner as well. The ultimate relax destination. Come out and support YOUR van council and have

a good time with your Van Family.

With another year nearly gone, I am closer to actually getting to retire after almost 40 years as a G-man. I can hardly wait to be able to get to a few more out of state eVANts and see this great country of ours. Too many places to count I have not seen yet. Bring your ideas for the Keys.

This is your van council. Your participation can make it the best in the US! Hugs and kisses.

Cari, VP

FVC Treasurer



Hi brothers and sisters from another mother. I hope you made it to the last council/truck-in meeting. We had a great time watching movies on the big screen. I think that was the first time I watched "The Van" all the way through without falling asleep. The popcorn was cheap and there wasn't a bad seat to be had. Red Eye served up some good eats as usual. We had a little rain but not like

Beverly Beach. All in all you should have been there. Thanks to everybody that helped put it on.

Next up was the 41st Nat's in Ohio. I left on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and after a brief stop in N.C. I arrived in Ohio around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. I called Six Pack to find out where he was staying since we were told you couldn't get in till Tuesday. But Six Pack always knows how to work the system. He was there on the Thursday before. So I joined him as security guard and helper. The fairgrounds were nice except for all the rain we had Sunday-Wednesday in the afternoon. Oh speaking of rain, On Wednesday we had a little storm come though around six while Six Pack and I were selling ice. Just as we got into cover, the sixty MPH winds came. You should have seen all the scrap metal after that, including my tarp. I think I have three poles that I brought

home out of eighteen. Randy and Mook's tarp got mangled and Randy spent the next two days collecting spare parts to fix his. Surprisingly he did fix it, that's determination. The only tarp still standing was Bobs; he got his down just in time with minimal damage. We had a good turnout of FVC members (13 I think). When Cale got to the Nat's (and I don't know how) his trailer tire was barely turning. It looked like the leaning tower of Pisa. He wore off one side of the axle. Note to self, pack the wheel bearings before a long trip. Lucky for him the fairgrounds were full of welders working on the pipeline up there. He got it fixed on Sunday and I guess he made it home ok, I didn't see him broke down on the way home.

On Wednesday they had vanners night in and meet and greet. They also had casino night but a lot of camp sites got trashed from the storm. Thursday, (I think) Six Pack and I drove the nut (slut) bus around for a few hours. You should have seen all the scrap metal and mud, People were glad the bus was running around. Thursday night they showed a short clip of the vanning documentary on the wall and the band played well into the morning. Friday afternoon we did our world famous gator tail. When you see Six Pack ask him about that gator foot he found? Friday night it rained again. It started to feel like Florida with all the rain. Sometime Friday night we made it to the Sammet's condo. We were greeted with special brownies. Someday I will learn my limit (maybe). Saturday morning was a rough one thanks to the brownies. I had to be up at eight to help Six Pack sell ice at nine once more (when will I learn). Saturday night was wind down time and not a party hard night. Sunday morning it started getting hot and it was time to go. I made it home Monday evening and Pam was glad to see me.

If you didn't make it, you missed a good time. The nats board did a great job. Everything was on time except for the trophies; they forgot what time zone to use. You had to be there. If you haven't been to nationals, plan on it one year. It's a great time. Did I mention I missed Pam (love you dear) .See you at Juniors and truck safe.

Linard



Join us for,

GSVR

Vendors
Show n' Shine
Entertainment
Raffles/Prizes

October 4-6, 2013

\$25/nite Tent Site through 9/1/13
\$27.⁵⁰/nite Tent Site after 9/1/13
RV sites are an additional cost.
Prices are good for one van and 2 vanners.
Trailers and additional guests are extra.

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Nats vacation 2013



We began our journey by driving to Charleston, SC in the rain. Hoping this was not a bad omen we spent a few rainy days with family. My niece, Lindsey, just had a baby boy, Ebon. So I got to play with him a bit. Then, we continued North as the showers continued. We only drove a few hours every day then stopped to relax, and unwind in a relaxing atmosphere. We took nightly walks between rain drops and enjoyed the drive. We arrived in Old Washington Thursday and decided to

see if Coop or Judith were at the Fairgrounds before continuing to our destination campground until the Nats began. They were there unloading so we pitched in to help. As we prepared to leave Judith asked if anyone wanted to stay at the Fairgrounds as security. Of course Lew volunteered. So begins our stay at the Old Washington Fairgrounds, known to all vanners as, home of the 39th and 41st Nationals.

We spent the next few days preparing for our guests. I could not believe how much there was to do. Judith was super organized and had a todo list for every day. Due to so many volunteers, everything was done on schedule with some time to visit and catch up on the news. I worked the morning shift for front gate Monday and Tuesday. It was great to be able to greet friends from all over but especially my Florida family. I picked up some sort of fungus rash all over my legs. It looked worse than it was.

Ice deliveries began as soon as the vanners started arriving. Lew and the rest of the ice crew were kept busy filling the ice machines and delivering ice. It kept them out of trouble and provided an opportunity to say hello to everyone. Buffalo-Bob and Carol also helped at front gate and driving the "Nuts bus." Linard sat in for me as Lew drove the shuttle since I had Family activities to run at the same time.

The official start of the Nats was Wednesday. The rain did put a damper on some things, including parking or getting out. Several Vans and trailers had to be pulled out throughout the week. But it didn't stop everyone from having a good time. Several clubs or councils hosted casino games at their campsites on Wednesday night in the storms, but vanners keep coming despite the weather. Also that evening 80 mile per hour winds and rain blew through the campgrounds tipping over porta pots and damaging pop up canopies. In amazement Florida vanners watched as Randy collected damaged pop up canopy parts; then repaired his own good as new. Buffalo-bob was so impressed that he took a few of the extra parts and repaired his too. However, there was no hope for Linard or Spookeytooth.

Richie and Lorie, Oop & Jo, and Cale did the Show and Shine. Cale & Oop both got a trophy for their efforts. Richie and Lorie's van is still under construction. I can't wait to see it a year from now. Jeff & Cindy from Colorado showed off Jeff's new ride the green panel. History was made as they were the first to win the Golden Eagle award for best of the first timer's to show at the Nationals as well as Best Overall. Not sure exactly how many were in the

show-in-shine, over a hundred I'm sure. There was also public showing where they raised over \$500 dollars and lots of canned food for the local food bank. Over 175 pounds of beer and pop tabs were collected also. Spooky Tooth and Maggie fed everyone Pittsburgh barbeques. Linard and Lew helped me prepare the Gator. Then, Randy and Mook cleaned up. Thanks guys I couldn't have done it without you. The Gator was a big hit with everyone. We acquired a few new fans for our gator treat, including RV who never had it before. Jr and Glenda helped with ice and family activities. Judith, Mark/Panda and RV were parked with other friends but stopped by to party with us.

I hope everyone enjoyed family activities. My goal was to provide an opportunity for parents to have fun with their children. I was happy to see grandparents, aunts and uncles participating too. We had a variety of games, activities and crafts for kids of all ages. I think the favorite activity was an obstacle course where the observers got to squirt the participants with squirt guns. I want to thank all my helpers: Mook, Threasa, Brandy, Christa, Carol, and Lorie. I don't know what I would have done without them.

The Nat's Board and support staff along with several volunteers worked together throughout the week to provide a lot of fun. Good bands throughout the week along with a preview of the new vanner movie. There was a young lady out in front of the band twirling her hula hoop with lights and fire on it. Very wild! Last I heard there was 665 vans

I have gained a new appreciation for anyone who works at a Nationals eVANt. While I had a great time, I was also very busy and went to bed exhausted every night. However, if the hosts in the future needed help I would still help where I could. I am so glad for this opportunity to participate in a Nationals eVANt.

Thanks to all the vanners who helped put on another great Nationals. Also Thanks to Don Noone who helped me write this article. The Nats board, all the committee heads and especially Lew and I want to thank all the Florida vanners who helped anywhere that was needed.

After the Nats we didn't make it far, when we found a beautiful campground. We decided to spend the night. Then, we continued our 15 minute drive to Lew's sister's house. We have been spending time visiting with family, relaxing and eating and eating and more eating.

Agnes

LETTERS TO VANTASY

Having a van problem? Let Vantasy help you out.

Dear Vantasy,

At the FVC meeting I tore my jeans and scratched my butt on a screw sticking out of the picnic table seat. What should I do about this?

Screwed By A Picnic Table

Dear Screwed,

Don't sit on any more "gay" picnic tables. A "straight" picnic table would have screwed you someplace else.



Rocking Red Eye Van Run





41st Nationals at Old Washington Ohio



July 10-14, 2013





The ground
was a bit
'damp'



Gnarly & Mook Nationals Trip Log:

Friday July 5th

Left Fla early on July 5th morning, being a Friday after a holiday, traffic was light and we arrived in Ocala for Tire checks and van alignment. Alignment performed and 2 new tires purchased from Joe Van. We continued on the road at 1300 and had a few showers in the area and got as far as Macon Ga. where we found a campground on a lake at a state park. Rain was in the air, so it was a quick walk around, eat and retire early



Saturday July 6th

An early start took us to the mountains of North Carolina by Noon and on to Mount Mitchel after a quick stop at a Blue Ridge Parkway Info center, purchased a parkway hiking trail map and got info of campground closures due to sequestered funds from Pres. Obama.

Mount Mitchell trail to summit brought some light rain and a side hike down a rocky trail. Temp at the top was 55 deg F. We had to go a bit further up the parkway than originally planned due to campground closures, so we stopped at Linville Falls for the night and due to rains over the past days and many cancelations there was plenty of room for us to have a nice private camping experience along the river. Campground host told us of a local that sold firewood just off the parkway so after a 5 minute drive, and just a few dollars, we picked up a sizable load of wood. Next to the folks selling wood was another campground that was owned by a vanner of time ago. He had his 78 ford in a vanning Mag. spread in 1979. Mook prepared an awesome meal of Ham steak, corn and stuffing, all cooked on the open fire.

A scheduled hiking safety presentation at the campfire circle with another couple brought a heavy t-storm and more rain for the night. Mook provided a roof of Alum. Foil for my campfire and we sat under our canopy enjoying the fire in the rain.

Sunday July 7th

We decided to stay another night at Linville Falls so we did the hiking trails to Linville falls...riding our bikes the ½ mile to the Falls visitor center and trail heads we proceeded up and down the trails where plenty of water flowed freely across the trail and along the trail in places. The hike to the bottom of the falls was the most rigorous where I had to climb out on a giant boulder to get some pictures. Some Great Pics and Vids where acquired along this route. We then went to a mid falls viewing area where we had lunch, and then went to the visitor center and off to the masses path to top of falls. I rode back to get van to pick up Mook and then more firewood when the belt on the van came apart, I removed some pieces and drove the ¼ mile to our campsite where I replace the belt and we went and got more firewood and see the massive dog guarding it. More rain did come that night however it did not stay as long, we dried some clothes by the roaring fire and another great open fire cooked meal.

Monday July 8th.

Another semi early start after packing up the canopy and our 2 night stop took us up the parkway another few miles and then thru some beautiful mountain towns and eventually to I81 and then I77 thru west VA. We found a WVA state park with lots of open forest for hunting and a campground in the middle near Clarksburg, and after some windy roads and the GPS not knowing the way, we circled our way into an awesome campsite with the bath house a short bike ride away with showers and laundry facilities. We had power and since we were just out of the mountains, it was a bit warmer so we got all devices charged up AC in the VAN and a great fire and firefly's buzzing around even saw a lightning bug that got his light stuck on for hours, what a trip.

Tues July 9th

Up early and packed up and on the road up 77 to Ohio, we pulled into the Van Nats Fairgrounds and into the early gate where Agnes from Fla. Was operating the front gate, and Buffalo Bob and Carol were getting checked in... Florida has arrived. Six Pack and Linard were already set up and the FVC campsite doubled in size. A club from Detroit gave all the early vanners a treat with a fish fry of catfish and they must have cooked up the entire catfish farm that night, it was really good.

Wednesday July 10th

Up early to go sell ice and run the nats ice truck delivering ice to arriving vanners. Emptied an ice machine and reloaded and participated in opening activities and the 41st Van Nats has begun! Mook and I continued to sell ice for several hours and several more loads and loops around the fairgrounds Afternoon brought some rest and showers and preps for 'Casino night' where clubs scattered around the grounds set up their casino games with vanner money.

Well right about the time Vanner Night in was about to start a large t-storm moved thru and brought a roll cloud and gust front of short duration 60-80mph winds, only lasted a few minutes however damage was done in the short time...Six Pack managed to save theirs with Bob suffering some minor damage. While dining at Vanners night in a crumpled canopy frame was spotted and brought back for Mooks folded up pop-up. Gnarly replaced dozens of broken parts and Mooks frame was erect yet again. An auction began at 11pm to use up the winnings from casino night and items such as engine stands, LED lighting, paper shredders, shirts, coolers, tools, and other gifts and items of the like. At the end of the auction, Mook acquired a new "Mookooler". FVC then hosted a late night gathering with FVC pres Bob staying up to entertain.

Thursday, July 11

Kids games run by the Gals of FVC led by Agnes started at 10am, relocated to alternate location at 1020 due to swap meet taking the kids games area due to swamp conditions in other areas.

Spooky tooth and Maggie ran ice in the am with Jr & Glenda selling ice in the afternoon. Buffalo Bob and Carol ran the N.U.T.S. Bus transportation, as did Six Pack & Linard while Vannin.com hosted a meet n greet with free hot dogs in the evening. Great fun just touring the grounds meeting/ seeing everyone!

Friday July 12th

Shogun, Richie, Oop & Jo all went to the field to show their vans.

Mook and Gnarly won the Geocaching game and visit nearby store & town via bicycle. Friday Van show goes on with Jr & Buff Bob both judging the show, Judith busy coordinating all parts. Later on...Fla cooked up gator, giving away Heinekens, shine, and served Gator Tail, shoulder, loin and sausage.

Bright and shine held on track with Richie and Oop, and Jr with Procrastownation shining.

Saturday July 13th

Jr and Glenda did a ice run followed by Dano and Buff. Bob. More Kids games for Mook, Carol, Agnes and Glenda. Public show for Richie, oop, Shogun. Crazie Bob bought a van from down the road a piece. Burn out competition started off a bit slow, but ended well with 15 or so Burnouts in total that's a lot of vans. RV did a quickie that was great, but he was not going for the win...Robbie had the best burnout, he smoked both tires for a long time till he blew the motor and had to get pushed out. The 1st contestant out spun 1 tire the whole time, blew it out and won the competition. Not sure how you blow a race motor and don't win...

The awards ceremony was next, and all the helpers that made the event happen let alone a great success were thanked, mentioned and appreciation plaques given out... Buffalo Bob got an award for his dedication and hard work as he worked shifts every day including but not limited to selling ice, driving the NUTS Bus, Judging Vans for the Van show. Agnes led ALL the kids games for the entire event, and kept the unruly little ones at bay every day, Carol and Mook assisted her in making that all happen. Glenda and Lori too. Jr's Procrastownation got beat out by Alpine, no one is sure quite how, but that's van shows... On a better note, Cindy Lou and Jeff from Colorado brought a gorgeous green panel in for its first showing at the Nats, and took home the 'Flying Eagle' perpetual Trophy for best first time showing at the nats as well as taking overall best of show, a first.

The band cranked up and Fla went and checked them out, while Shogun was running karaoke over in Karson Racing camp. Gnarly went in search of Moonlight vans to acquire their latest Mug design. Well, Moonlight wasn't around to be found, so a stop at Karson racing was in order...was a nice mellow karaoke time for a few songs, then the band shut down, and all remaining vanners came to party with Karson and shogun entertainment, drinks flowed...clothes shed by some, and b4 ya knew it there were probably over 100 pp there.

Sunday July 14th

It was time to pack up and head home for some. Us? We headed to Oklahoma to visit my Dad. We also visited with Mook's Brother in Arkansas and St. Louis. During this leg we found some great views of Downtown St. Louis, lots of bumpy roads, a White Castle, lotsa corn, an amazing amount of Mexican restaurants, and a hotel in SE Alabama where we watched a big T-Storm move thru the area.

Gnarly & Mook

Vanning Around the World

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August 2013

9-11	CT	Super Somer #12 at Fourtown Fairgrounds Somers, CT by Altruck pre reg \$40. over 2 in van \$8. each. gate \$45. extras gate \$10. trailers \$15. Motor homes \$80. send pre reg to Beth Elsdon 78 Central Ave. Wolcott, CT 06716 make checks to Altruk Vanners Vans and trucks only. see www.altruk.com
9-11	IL	Birthday Truckin 37 th License 2 Chill Spring Creek Campground Montrose IL pre-reg by 8/2 \$37. van and 2 people. Gate \$42. extra adults \$14. Trailers \$15. Show and Shine, Bright and shine. Dinner Saturday night (bring a covered dish) For info call Ed and Loretta 217-752-6897 days or 217-962-0812 cell
16-18	OH	Knightmare Vanners Presents B.F.E. II. "Back to the Boonies" 3915 Faulk Rd. Olivesburg. Same sight as last year. primitive camping on Twenty acres. Generators Welcome. Friday Scavenger hunt and midnight Volleyball. Saturday, Games, Show and shine. bight and shine, hog roast and beer garden, dash plaques, trophies Food vending by Feather BBQ Porta pots on site Thursday night, ice available \$30 pre-reg by July 1st gate and after 7/1 \$35. 1 van 2 vanners. extra people \$10 early arrivals on Thursday afternoon. See Nightmare Vanners on face book or call Jeff 419-543-9093 or Gina 419-241-6673 send payment to Amy Hale 565 Townview Circle E. Apt 4 Mansfield, OH 44907
16-18	NY	Vantasy #3. by Western New York Vans at Orleans County Fairground 12690 State Highway 31 Albion NY murder mystery Dinner Till Death Do us part. pre reg by 7/15 \$40. van w/2people. Gate \$45. extra people \$20. camping trailer over 16 ft \$30. under 16 \$25. mail to WNYV c/o John Celenza 3996 Hill Rd. Tonawanda, NY 14120 716-807-4504 mailto:sluggo56@wnyvansinc.com dinner characters Diana 716-445-1472
15-18	CA	Wild in the Woods #10 by Sunshine Supervans. Wooded Hills, CA gates open 12 PM pre-reg by 7/20 Cost \$35. 1 vehicle 2 adults. contact Bill-O Vanner@frontiernet.net or Karen ssvmon@frotiernet.net . 928-754-4027 cell 928-201-2001 or Michelle, Lilsis74@sbcglobal.net 702-885-6139 Wacky Games, pit toilets, Mojito and /or pink stuff, no showers or elec. lots of trees. mail payment to Billo 3440 Sunbonnet Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86429
23-25	MN	Naughty Butt Nice IVAN meets Jane of the Jungle by Northwester Vanners at Filmore County Fairgrounds Preston MN, Show n shine, birte n shine, games Saturday breakfast pot luck Saturday night Fee beer Saturday night pre entry by 8/10 \$35. gate \$45. not extra charge for trailer. extra adults \$10. send to Northwester Vanners 1640 County Rd 6 SW Howard Lake, MN 55349 more info Cheryl 507-261-7830 or Smiley 763-516-1081 rotto92@yahoo.com
31	IL	Custom Van Show #9 by Hy-Rollin Vans at Casey's Comer 1540 N. Greenbay Rd. Waukegan, IL All Custom Vans welcome, Good Food Available, Dash Plaques, Trophies, for info Call Taz 847-560-5147
29-9/2	OR	Com Cob Campout 40. at Schroeder County park 605 Schroeder Lane Grants Pass OR. 4 days of great vanning fun, jet boats 800-648-4874, river rafting bring your raft Sat at 11:30. , games and more. contact MA onehtma2@aol.com 253-241-9090 or Lynn whltlig@comcast.net 510-512-2979 order t-shirts from Paul prmcain@gmail.com or call him 775-225-1114 pre reg by 8/14 \$60. van and 2/adults. \$70 gate. \$20.extra people ove 18. Sleeper trailers \$20. RV or motor home \$90. pre reg. \$100. gate make checks payable to Chris Owens and mail to 15908 79th st. Puyallup WA 98375
30-9/2	FL	Labor Day at Jr. and Glenda's. 7240 Wicklow Ln, Englewood, FL Pot Luck Dinner, FVC Meeting on Saturday. Bring a pot luck dish and park in the yard. be prepared to have fun. Click here for directions
30-9/2	PA	Bedrock at Butler. By Three Rivers Vans. Live bands, goodie bags, lots of fun games. Water, elect etc. Breakfast by TRV Butler Co. Fairgrounds, 1127 New Castle Rd. Prospect, PA. For Info Call Carol 724-375-6484 Send check to TRV, 3030 Baker Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001. pre-reg by 8/10 Van plus 2 people pre-entry \$50. gate \$55. Camping trailers \$25. Extra people over 15 years old in van \$25.
31	FL	Florida Van Council meeting at Jr and Glenda's meeting starts at noon. Camping available

September 2013

1	IL	Taz'z 13th Annual Vintage Chevy Van Fest. Party in the Yard 12866 West Country Club Ave Waukegan IL for info call 847-560-5147 Room for overnighters, Sunday Vans Show 12-4 Band, Trophies, Campfire, food, dash plaques, all vans welcome Cost \$5.00
6-8	CO	The HAVE's 8th Annual Truck-in "Infinity and Beyond at Lost Burro Campground Cripple Creek, CO Vans and Panels only plenty of power and water, restrooms, live band, shot bar, beer, games van show and costume contest Pre-reg by 8/1 \$35. gate \$40. Club Trailers \$10. sleeping trailers \$15. more than 2 adults in van \$10 each. Mail to Cindy-Lou Hyde (HAVE) 7365 Waterman Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80922 for more info contact Gail 303-912-6863 glmund@q.com , or Cindy-Lou at 719-229-7242 4snymph@centurylink.net
6-8	RI	Vanning on the moon by Smut Truckers all space cadets welcome sorry no electric. West Greenwich RI vans \$25. w/2 people \$30. van with trailer. extra people \$5. for more info call Joe & Mary Lou 401.828.1338
6-8	CO	The H.A.V.E's 8th Annual Truck-in at Lost Burro Campground, Cripple Creek. CA
13-15	OH	The Prohibition Truckin by Next Generation Vanners at Medina Co. Coon Hunters assoc. 8120 Coon Club Rd. (TWP RD 67). Median, OH Van and 2 people \$30. pre-reg Gate \$40. extra people \$15. Camping Trailers extra. for info http://www.nextgenerationvanners.org/ phone 419-496-1327 Mail pre reg to Next Generation Vanners PO Box 453 Seville OH 44273 419-496-1327
13-15	IL	Vannin To Fall Bad Luck Truckin X by Central II Vans Evening Star Campground 23049 US Hwy 136 Topeka IL Pre reg by 9/7 \$35. gate \$40. extra person over 2 in van \$10. trailers \$15. send Central II Vans 438 N. Placher CT Chillicothe IL 61523 call Bob 309-251-9872
19-22	PA	Keystone Madness 2013 by Performance Inc. @ Schuylkill County Fairgrounds Summit Station PA Beach Blanket Keystone. Pre reg by 9/1 van w/2 people \$35 gate \$40. Motor Home \$75. gate \$80. extra people \$10. trailers \$15. food vendor available, live music, van show. games etc. Call Chas 610.469.0604 Make checks to Performance inc. PO box 815 Pottstown, PA 19464
27-29	MA	Vanished 13 hosted by the Vanished. 137 Holland Rd Brimfield, MA by 9/15 \$25, gate \$30. extra people \$10. send prereg to Justin Desroches 137 Eastford rd apt 2 Southbridge, MA 01550 the-vanished@hotmail.com

October 2013

4-6	NC	Cherokee NC by Southeast Van Council info@flamingarrowcampground.com Contact the campground to make reservations.. there is a pot luck dinner on Friday. A van show in Cherokee on Saturday. Lots of raffles, a hot wheels van race, Great fun. pre reg by 9/1 \$25. after is \$27.50 for a tent site. make reservation with the campground
10-14	RI	Summers End Party at Doc and Dees Pot Luck Supper In RI exit 2 follow signs to Rt. 3 N. go up the hill past Edwards Garage and take the next Left onto Fenner Hill Rd. follow for about 1.5 miles and take a left/ the third house on the left 189 Fenner Hill Rd.
11-13	CA	King City, 41st Annual West Coast Van Nationals, the longest running vanning event held at the same location. Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, from the 101 exit at Canal Street turn west on Division and right into grounds. Van Show, Trophies, Raffles, Games, Wine and beet Tasting, T-shirts, Dash plaques etc. pre reg by 9/27/13 \$35 gate \$40. motor homes \$45. gate \$50. small trailers \$10. trailers over 10 ft \$20. Make checks payable to Kathy Willis 4136 Carola Ave, San Jose, CA 95130 KatCruzr@aol.com 408-249-4451
11-13	WI	Howling Van-pir-te by Hy-Rollin Vans at Walworth County Fairgrounds Elkhorn WI pre entry by 11/1 \$40. gate \$45. sleeping trailers \$15. extra people over 17 \$10 contact Taz 847-560-5147 send pre-reg to Hy-rollin Vans c/o Taz 12866 West Country Club Ave Waukegan IL
11-12	PA	Summerset 16 by PA van council at Gratz Fairgrounds, 601 E Market St Gratz PA pre reg \$30. gate \$40. info Call Phil 570-259-0292 nautic1@ymail.com pre reg by 10/5 send to PA Van Council PO Box 403 Reading PA 19607

18-20	NH	Frostbite Frolics by Chair City trucker and all 4 wheel drive vans at Stateline Campground 850 NH Rt 12 S. 850 Winchendon Rd. Fitzwilliam NH. pumpkin carving contest pool tournament trick or treat etc. more info call Barry Wickman 978-630.1154 winters, summers 603-585-9137 gate \$25.
18-20	MO	Hoavac Monster Havoc #35. @ Eagle Ridge RV park 22708 W.182nd St Eagleville, MO. take exit 106 or 99 off I-35 west to RT 69. Pre-reg by 10/1 \$35. van and 2, Gate \$40. \$10 extra people. more than 2 extra per van requires a 2nd gate fee. contact Keith Wiese 816.322.3317 email wiesekj@att.net send checks to HOAVC c/o Patti Weber 8649 N. Hull Kansas City, MO 64154
25-27	FL	Florida Van Council 40th Anniversary Truckin. - hosted by FVC at the Sunshine Key Campground MM 39 just south of the 7 mile bridge, which begins at the south end of Marathon, FL. Pre-reg ONLY BEFORE October 1, 2013. \$75 per van (2 people). \$15 extra people. \$105 sleep-in trailers, and motor homes. rates available 3 days before and 3 days after the event call the grounds at 305.872.2217 Limited number of sites at this price. make checks payable to FVC send to Linard Morris at 12931 S.W. 10th Ct. Davie, FL 33325 email morr465@bellsouth.net Info: Spookytooth 954-695-5786 Thursday and Sunday night \$30. to the campground. Bring your ugly prom dresses and really old t-shirts and albums to share
November 2013		
2	RI	Getaway Truckers 20th Halloween Party riverside Sportsman assoc. Riverside RI \$12. per person before Oct 1 after \$15. per person. Stay on the grounds or at Motel 6 Seekonk, MA 508.336.7800 shuttle provided send checks to Carol Courtemanche 32 Andover Ave. South Attleboro, MA 02703 info call Dave 508-826-2272 or Coot 508-761-5940
8-10	WA	Toys for Tots @ Touch of Nostalgia Museum 251 south Austin, Seattle WA Contact Ma mailto:Onehotma@aol.com Friday night chili and soup, Hotcakes sat am, games, winter carnival, cake walk, pot luck sat. Santa for the kids. Christmas stocking auction
9	FL	Florida Van Council meeting at Floridian RV Resort St. Cloud FL meeting starts at noon. Camping available
29	MA	New England Van Council toys for tots. flyer to follow see www.facebook.com/petegoldenvoyager or call Pete @ 774.888.8082
December 2013		
7	RI	31st Toys for Tots West Greenwich Elks Lodge 41 Nooseneck Hill Rd. West Greenwich, RI call Ed Lamothe 401.639.0130
6-8	CA	Truckin for Tots by Northern California Van Council at San Benito County Fairgrounds, Hollister, CA Pre-entry by /11/30 \$35. gate \$40 RV's \$45. \$10. extra for trailers plus two new unwrapped Toys (Toys must be valued at \$7. Send check payable to NCVV to Kathy Willis at 4136 Carola Ave, San Jose, CA 95130 for more for more info Call Michelle Seward (702) 885-6139 lilis@sbcglobal.net Lynn Harmonson (510)352-2606 whltlg@comcast.net Kathy Willis (408) 249-4451 kaycruzz@aol.com Parents bring a wrapped gift for each of your children in you vehicle so Santa can present it to them when he visits on Saturday. Each Club must bring 2 adult raffle prizes, Indoor games, NCVV meeting, Pot Luck Dinner Saturday night
2014		
January 2014		
18	IL	Let's get snowed #30 by DIVC at McCritters Bar and Grill 2801 Court St. Pekin, IL Live band accommodations Concord Inn. Ph. 309.347.5533 Rooms \$55. plus tax ask for DIVC. Mail to Downstate Ill Van Council PO Box 15 Neoga, IL 62447 contact Joe for info. 217.246.342 pre entry \$12. shirts by pre order \$20. guess temp on 1/18/14 at 8 pm gets a prize.
February 2014		
6-8	LA	Council of Councils "Voodoo on the Bayou" at Maison St. Charles Hotel 1319 St. Charles Ave . New Orleans, LA 70130 reservations 504.522.0187 http://www.naisonstcharles.com/ standard King. \$99. standard double queen \$109. junior suite \$139. mention Van Council Meeting for rates Hosted by Vintage Chevy Van Council See Council of Councils on Facebook or go to council of councils via http://www.vannin.com/

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OOOOOOP!

Well it seems like a long time ago but was just last month that Jo and I were finally able to make it to a Truck inn.

The Van National's. And what a Great time we all had. The trip was full of surprises for Jo and I as Lightning hasn't been on a long road trip for 2 years. The story is so long and really takes the two of us to remember everything that happened so I'm not going to go there. Nothing bothered us though as we did have all the spare parts we needed except for the 2 front tires and alternator that I left at home. With a 5/8ths 5 inch

wood bolt stuck in Lightning's manifold we made it to PA exactly on time where family was waiting for us to party. After 2 days in Uniontown we headed for the Nat's and in Jo's usual form, wanted to get everything set up before partying with our family vanners. 15 minutes after we were all set up and ready to party, Judith came blazing through the fairgrounds on a golf cart yelling "I'd take em down" Scratching my head and looking around I thought she might be right (she usually is). I had that easy up bolted to the ground but it was no match for the blast of wind that lasted about 3 minutes along with 20 minutes of rain. The frame was blown up against Lightning and Jo and I could not pull it off. Suddenly here comes Shogun with a large knife and attacks the canopy like a Ninja on a mission. That relieved the pressure and we were able to save Lightning from any damage. Thanks Cale! After the big blow we wondered out to see mangled tarps everywhere. O well! Captain Gnarly & Mook were on a mission to wrestle their cover back together and did a great job. Then we saw Cale's trailer with one wheel falling off. Happy that he made it there before it fell off. By the end of the event he and Lou got it back together. Well it was just great to see everyone and be able to sit down and catch up on many topics. Everyone was working on something for the event. Judith was running around like usual working on everything. Jo was damaged with her broken foot but with rides from everyone she was able to get around. The weather was good to us for the rest of the event and was happy that both show & shines were sunny & dry. Lightning got 1st in her Class. The Gator tail was a huge success again and a shock to many that came over for a taste. Thanks Lou & Agnes.

Buffalo Bob blew us away with his special blends. It was just a great time and saw so many vanners that we haven't seen for so long. Like I told Lou: if we could have these things during the week, we would never miss one. Except for two weeks out of the year when we are filming in Europe.

The Bands were great, The people were great and the entire event was well done.

Money was raised, Vanners were Happy and a Great Thanks to everyone involved for making everything so perfect and comfortable. If you couldn't make it this year, we missed you.

We again won't be able to make it to the keys as Jo's daughter, Monique will be getting married that weekend. Can't complain this time.

I guess by now everyone knows that I filmed several vans with commentaries from their owners and uploaded them to Our

www.MyVanOnVideo.com

Here are the Vans filmed at the Nat's:

Coop's Barnstormer. Ron's Flamed. Ray's Hot Box. Tom's Jive Turkey. RV's Heartbeat (Revisited) Rick's Time Warp. The entire Burn Outs. Plus there are 10 more van videos already posted.

We hope that this will strike some interest into some that think vanning is no longer with us, and vanner wannabes. Next I will be filming some vans that are not customized to show that you do not have to have a show van to attend our eVants. Don't want people to think our truck inns are only for show vans. If you have any ideas for vanning promotional videos, please contact me.

We had a great relaxing trip home without any problems.
Hope to see you all soon.

Love to all OOP & Jo.

THIS JUST IN...

Hey guys and gals,

I've been contacted by these folks in your area to try and organize an eVant THIS year in November. Heres a link and a Contact.....IF POSSIBLE... I'd like it to be called the same thing (Customvan.com presents Vanarama at Zephyr Hills) for uniformity. We've used that for all the indoor/outdoor car shows for the past 3 years and its WORKINGgetting the attention of folks who put on these shows. They are calling me from all around the country and looking for VANS to put on display....lets keep it going if we can. I know they wont have issue with it.

Heres a link to the official website for the event. I'm working with event organizers myself to try and make this happen. If you have interest, please let me know ASAP , so I can see what kind of "perks" we can get out of them. Up in Pa they have REALLY taken care of us and I'm sure they'll do the same in YOUR neck of the woods. Camping IS available at the event so that should be good for OUR THANG.

<http://www.carlisleevents.com/events/zephyrhills-fall/index.asp>

Here is info for show. 11/14 - 17 2013, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - DJ - Mega 50/50 - door prizes - Event Tee shirts available - Candy Clark/Cindy Williams from American Graffiti appearing Fri-Sat-Sun - Demo Derby Sunday 2 p.m. - Don Garlits and the Swamp Rat - Milo Coleman and his Falcon A/F Drag car - Elaine Larsen and her 300 MPH Jet Car, skydivers, auction, swap meet and car corral. Celebs will be posing for pictures and signing thanks for your support of Van Events, if you have any questions or there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me.

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