

FVC Newsletter



November 2013

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Next FVC meeting/ eVANT

Date: November 9, 2013

Time: 12:00

Cost: pay campground when you come in, or before noon on Saturday!

Place: Floridian RV Resort; 5150 Boggy Creek Rd.; St. Cloud, FL 34771; 407-892-5171

Directions:

From North – Take Turnpike south to Osceola Parkway exit, turn left on Osceola Parkway, turn left on Boggy Creek Rd., at the T turn right still Boggy Creek Rd., Floridian RV Resort will be on the right in approximately 6 mi.

From South – Take Turnpike north to St. Cloud/ Melbourne exit, turn right on Hwy 192, go through St. Cloud, Turn left on Hwy 15, at blinking light turn left on Boggy Creek Rd. Floridian RV Resort will be on left.

From West – Take I-4 east to exit 62, 417 Greenway toll towards airport, go east, at airport exit 17 take Boggy Creek Rd., Floridian RV Resort will be on the right in approximately 6 mi.

From East – Take Hwy 192 West, turn right on Hwy 15 at blinking light turn left on Boggy Creek Rd. Floridian RV Resort will be on left.

Schedule:

11:45am Officers to meeting 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. Election of officers for 2013
10. Clean up meeting area and prepare for evening activities

***** Leave it like we found it or better! *****

Before leaving the campground, find out how to dispose of trash.

Thank-you

Drive Safe

December 15 , 2013 - Next Newsletter deadline – Dec. 15 , 2013

2014 - 1st Meeting at Chester Ranch --- see flyer --- Jan 18 , 2014

On the Cover: Caravan at GSVR IX

FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the August 31, 2013 meeting at Junior and Glenda's, in Englewood, are as follows:

Buffalo Bob called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 8, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

There were 7 clubs present (out of 14 clubs total) and 3 Excused Absences during roll call.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linard gave the Treasurer's report. There are 15 pre-reg for the Keys eVant as of this point in the meeting.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Deadline for inputs to the next issue of the newsletter is October 13. One suggestion from the group was to try and not have event fliers on the front and backside of the same page. If they're arranged that way, you have to print 2 copies of that page if you want to use the fliers to attend both events. Bob noted that this was an excellent issue of the newsletter. Lot of articles and photos. Send inputs to news@floridavancouncil.com.

REMAINDER OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR 2013:

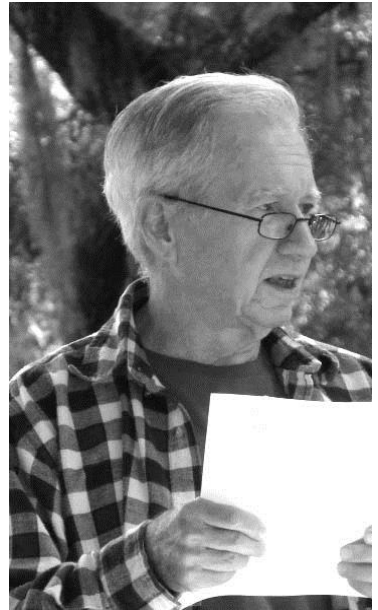
November 9	Election of Officers and Pig
	Roast – Floridian R.V. Resort

OLD BUSINESS:

NATS: Bob said that Florida was extremely well represented at the NATS and all who showed up from Florida really pitched in and helped out. Approximately 15 vans showed up from Florida. There were 660 vans at the NATS and several hundred vans in the van show. In fact, there were over 100 early models in the van show.

A good time was had by all in spite of the devastating wind. All agreed that Gnarly should get a "canopy reconstruction" award. There were over 100 vanners at the FVC campsite for a food spread, which, of course, included gator tail.

It was noted that one vanner had a wreck and totaled his van on the way home from the NATS. Magoo noted that vanners need to be sure that their auto insurance policy is adequate to protect their investment. Otherwise, in case of the van being totaled, all you're going to get is the blue book value from your insurance company. It costs a little extra for that insurance to fully cover a custom van, but it is well worth the price.



Feed the Hungry: C-van noted that the website just posted that they have collected enough money to provide over 4000 meals for the hungry. And, they sent us appreciation e-mail. It turns out that all those \$19.95 donations can add up to a lot, helping to feed more of the hungry in our land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Van O Rama at Zephyrhills: It costs \$25 to attend for the weekend. Linard noted that Joe Madonia has offered his place for us to camp if we want.

The group concluded that we would probably have 8 or 10 vans in the show. This show is an excellent chance for us to promote vanning. However, the date is too close to our November 9 meeting, which is our annual pig roast and election of officers meeting. Most of our members just can't afford to attend 2 events that are only a couple of weeks apart.

There was a detailed discussion of options, which included:

1. Moving the November 9 FVC meeting to the 1st weekend in December, which would cause conflicts with already scheduled Christmas parties
2. Having the pig roast meeting on the same date as the Zephyrhills auto show, starting next year. That option seemed to be impractical, as the Zephyrhills show is all day long, leaving no real time for the pig roast and election of officers meeting.
3. Gnarly suggested that we, at least, send a few folks to the Zephyrhills Show THIS YEAR, to help promote vanning WORLDWIDE. This show is big, and a great chance to show off our vans. We could set up a table with vanning info, etc. That would leave us a whole year to see if we wanted to alter our FVC meeting schedule for next year, or not.

At the end of the discussion, it was decided that we don't really have enough time to adequately consider changing any meeting dates for this year. We should go with option 3. We already know that Blue Lemon and a few others have made plans to show their vans at the event. We should coordinate with him and others to be sure that we get all the good exposure for vanning that we can at this years Zephyrhills show.

VAN-IN PROPOSALS:

Rick Chester January 18 - 20, 2014 – Chester's place - Tampa area. This is a tentative proposal, as Rick couldn't attend this meeting. Rick wants to move the date of his annual New Years party to the date slot left open by Vanners for Vanners, who are skipping 2014. The dates of January 11 and 18 were suggested to the group. Most thought that the January 18 date would be better because of the Martin Luther King Jr. 3-day holiday. The FVC meeting would be on Saturday, January 18, 2014, in conjunction with this event. It was noted that this would place the event slightly more than two weeks ahead of the 2014 Council of Councils (CofC) meeting in New Orleans.

- Primitive at Sidewinder's March 14 - 16, 2014 – Sidewinder's in White Springs. This is also a tentative proposal, as the details have not been confirmed. We're assuming these dates, based on past events, and, that the FVC meeting will be held on The Ides of March, Saturday, March 15, 2014.
- ForePlay May 2 - 4, 2014 – Beverly Beach. Magoo said the event would be on again for 2014. This one will be the 15th Anniversary of the event.
- Coastal June 2014 – Probably at the Clark Family Campground. This is another tentative event. Coastal was not present for this meeting, so this one is a "work in progress."

VAN-IN UPDATES:

- GSRV 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. Cari noted that, at this time, we have 15 pre-reg. Bob talked with Joe and gave him the go-ahead to use the blue van logo and be sure to highlight that this is a 40th Anniversary event on the shirts, dash plaques, pins, etc.

Linard will take care of the goodie bags. There was a discussion of new trophies for the van show vs. recycled trophies. But that became a moot point when Joe Van donated new trophies.

Spookytooth noted that he had talked with Brenda at the campground and she should be able to get things straight regarding extra days, etc. Be sure to talk with Brenda at the campground if you want to get the extra days prior to, or after the event at the \$30 per night rate. It will be \$45 per night if you have a big RV, etc.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

The meeting was concluded with no formal nominations for FVC officers for 2014. However, after the meeting concluded, C-Van nominated Ritchie for President and Spookytooth nominated Buffalo Bob for President. It is assumed that these two nominations for President for 2014 will be presented at the November meeting.

FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL CLUB ROSTER

November 9, 2013

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Jan. 17-19 2014



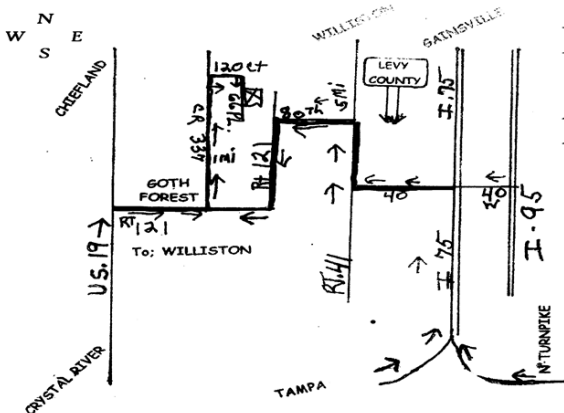
*Presents The First FVC Meeting and First Vanner's Party
of the New Year*

at The Chester Ranch in Morriston, Fl

*Everyone is welcome to spend the weekend. There is plenty of room .
There will be a covered dish dinner both Fri. and Sat. We will have a
group Breakfast on saturday(contributions and Help are welcome)*

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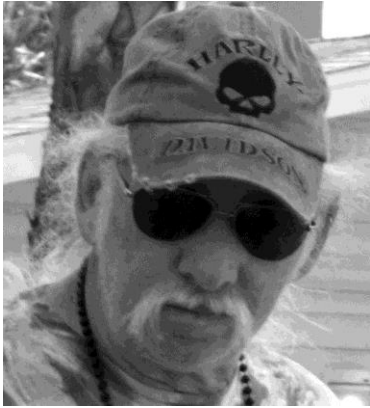
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FVC President



The annual Pig Roast and the last meeting of the year is upon us. It has been a good year for Vanning for us. Carol and I have made every eVent in Florida this year, the CofC in Mass, the Nats, GSVR9 and the Keys.

Despite weather that was not exactly prime for Vanning we have had pretty good turnouts at our eVants. The Florida delegation at the Nats did a great job and made me proud to be an FVC member. I would liked to have seen more communication between Vanners but

some still have adverse opinions of Facebook , our best way to keep in touch. I have enjoyed being President of the FVC in 2013. There is a lot of Vanning still going on around the country. Many of our members experience Vanning outside of Florida every year and are part of supporting Vanning Nationally. I know that many things may prevent other Fla. Vanners from Vanning as much as they would like. Don't get discouraged or feel it isn't worth while. Vanning is a big family, we may argue, have disagreements or just get tired, but we are a family and you will always be welcome whenever you can be part of Vanning with us.

Thank you for the opportunity to be FVC Pres. this year. If things work out and I am Pres for another year, I will still work "For the betterment of Vanning" with the FVC.

The first week of October we made a trip up to Tenn to do some Riding. We rode the "Tail of the Dragon", "Moonshiner 28" and several other challenging roads filled with curves on our Harley. In 2 days



we put on over 330 miles having an "E ticket ride" also enjoying Pidgeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn. I got to see the Motorcycle

Museum in Maggie Valley, NC. Carol got to see over 20,000 Salt and Pepper Shakers at the S and P Museum in Gatlinburg.

Thursday afternoon we arrived at The Great Southern Van Run 9 in Cherokee. This is a unique eVant that everybody attending is always happy they made. The people in the SEVC are a great group to party with. There is always good food. The Blue grass entertainment was cool and there was plenty of NC Moonshine to "sample" (that's another story)

At the SEVC council meeting Catfish was elected Pres. , Mark Bones is VP again. Penny is Sec/Treas. Again and Quinton is the new Sergeant At Arms. I was chosen as an Ambassador for the SEVC. It's important as Vanner's that we do what we can to encourage Vanning in Florida and the south.

K.O.V.....Buffalo Bob FVC Pres. 2013

FVC Vice Pres and Social Director

Dear FVC, We must be having fun in summer camp because it's almost over! We are in full swing for the vanning season starting with the Sammett Fest, Labor day weekend. We had a very large time as usual.

Thank you JR and Glenda for once again opening your home to all of us.

GSVR is my idea of a nice weekend in the mountains. Not too far away and just cold enough to remind us why we all live in FL.

The Keys will be in the past when meet again for the FVC meeting, election of officers and the Pig Roast. Bones will be the chef of porkness for the evant. Make sure to bring ideas for the new vanning year 2014 and a covered dish of your favorite things to share. A few new jokes or stories around the campfire and a game or 2 can round out the weekend as a good time for all.

The Christmas gatherings will be starting soon and Rick and Nancy Chester have offered their property for the January gathering left open by V4V. I am excited about the new year and of sharing so much time with my vanning family. Take care and good times.

Cari VP



FVC Treasurer



Well, it's almost the end of the year. We are getting ready for the Fabulous Florida Keys!

I can't believe the council has been together now for forty years. I've seen it go from over 500 vans down to 50. Where have all the good vanners gone?

Oh that's right the good vanners are still here truck 'in.

Some of us are a little grayer now and not as thin as we use to be, it must be from all the fun we had throughout the years. We've traveled many a miles to have fun and I've enjoyed every mile even though I have to stop more often. It's hell to get old. I remember we use to see how many beers it took to get there, now we can't wait to get there and have a beer (damn drinking and driving laws). All the years going to the Keys and driving on the old seven mile bridge and holding your breath every time a tractor trailer was coming at you. Gotta' love that new bridge. So far the weather is looking good (knock on wood), we might get the boat in the water this year.

I would like to thank Jr. and Glenda for letting us hold the council meeting at their house. We had the usual good eats and pool volleyball. We only lost one beach ball to Stash. We stayed Saturday and left Sunday morning to head to my parents' house in Ruskin and home on Monday. There are just not enough long weekends.

Dues are due for next year, so bring your check book to the meeting. Be the first to be paid! Hope to see you in the Keys, if not come to the pig roast. Let Cari know if you are coming so she knows how much meat to get. Also bring a covered dish (with something inside it). Cost is only \$5.00 a person, kids are free. See you there.

Linard

Hi all.

It was sure good to see so many of you at the Nationals. Thanks to all of you for your help and support. We could not have done the job without your support. Got to have gator one night and the FVC encampment. Sure was good..



After the Nats I went to MI, picked up Marilyn and we went to Dave's family reunion. We hadn't seen some of relatives in years. It was nice to get reacquainted. Had some more problems with the van and my nephew was able to help me get it going. We changed the injectors and it's been running well ever since. We did a lot of other little things that needed doing.

Back to OH to Coops house and some springs and shocks and bushings. Then off to the Last Van Slam. It was a good relaxing time and we got to see people we have not seen in quite a while. Lew and Agnes were there as well and then they came over to Coops for a few days.

Next stop was it Philadelphia to spend some time with the family. From there I went to Butler for memorial day. If you have never been to a Butler try to fit one in you plans. They do a great job. The next weekend I was in CO for the H.A.V.E.S truckin. This is another one to put on your list of events to attend. Then back to PA to go camping with the Girl Scouts.

October found me in NC at GSVR. What a great time. Bones, Renee, Carol, Bob, Lew, Agnes, Cari, Jan, John, Q and Chena were all there. We had a great time.

Now I'm back at home and have to start working again to pay for next summer.

Hope to see all of you at the Keys.

Judith



Labor Day Weekend at Jr & Glenda's & FVC Council Meeting

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Nats vacation 2013 – part II



Last Van Slam or the Vacation Continues

Back in the day Van Slam was a wild and crazy eVANt full of motorheads and race enthusiast. It was advertised on the radio, so many of the participants only came to Slam. Also, it was held at a drag strip which we made full use of. All this combined to make it a unique eVANt. Ask Lew J about his first Slam.

Today, we may be older and wiser (well maybe some of us) but we are still as crazy as ever. I was glad to see so many young vanners getting involved; even having their own club, wish my son could have been here.

As our daily rain shower continued, we jumped puddles and tried not to spill our drinks. Friday, we saw a lot of vanners we don't see very often. (Might be because we haven't attended many Ohio eVANts lately.) Ya Think! We walked around with Redneck and his daughter Becky. – Many years ago Redneck lived in St. Cloud and vanned with us. Between eVANts he was frequently at our house. – I really enjoyed spending time with Becky. We had a great time. Redneck brought some peach stuff and jokes which kept the party going until about 3am.

Saturday, we slept in a bit. Then, we hung out near our camp. We took a few pictures of the indoor van show; took a break during the rain and missed most of the blender party. We were in time to play geriatric volleyball. Why they thought this was an old peoples game is beyond me. Afterwards we went to Tim's Martini hour. These people live Hut Sluts Moto: If it don't slosh don't pack it" After this I needed food. Then, it was off to the evenings activities. Smitty had his bar running. After a short visit it was off to the band. Saturday's band was good. Doug got us off to a good start dancing to the music. He was celebrating his birthday, Henry Knuckles came too. Jr and Glenda were there too. Ask them about it. There was more peach stuff, followed by some blackberry stuff, someone else had marinated cherries. By Bright N Shine everything was lookin' good. Bright n Shine was held in the same building as the show in shine earlier and where the band played. We made some new friends with the boys from Cincinnati. We took a spin on the Slut Bus. We were one of the last to leave. Smitty was still in business, so we got some refreshments and food. We ended the evening same as last night visiting with friends at Judith, Coop, Sona and Geoff's fire, another 3am night.

Sunday, I could hear others up and about but all we wanted was quiet. However we also wanted to say good-bye to everyone. So began our last hours at Slam. We told Randy and his club what a good time we had and congratulated them on another successful eVANt.

Then, we headed for the nearest luxury campground.
All is well that ends well!

The story continues

After Slam we went to the KOA at Buckeye Lake. It was a nice quiet spot where we could rest up. Lew was amazed by the girl in the office who knew all our information, but we don't ever remember staying there. Tuesday, August 5th we drove to Coop's house. He has a nice place on several acres, in a quiet neighborhood. A walk around the block is like 3 or 4 city blocks. We had a pleasant visit. We spent one day at his son's place. We ate at Five Guys Restaurant – good hamburger. We also visited the home of General Sherman. Mrs. Sherman made some beautiful embroidery pictures, which were hanging in some of the rooms. We learned a bit about the civil war. Upstairs they had a room with old weapons in it. One evening we went to the Old Washington Fairgrounds to present a check and appreciation plaque for the Nat's. They were tickled pink with the eVANt. Afterwards we had ice cream at the famous Tom's Ice cream Bowl in Lancaster, Ohio and heard stories about Coop visiting his grandmother who lived across the street. When we got back to Coop's we spent the rest of the evening as we did every night there, relaxing around the fire.

Friday found us on the road again. We took a windy country road which wound through the area parks on our way to Redneck's House. He lives in a very small town much like St. Cloud used to be before Disney. Redneck lives about a block from everything. His brother, Desperado and some other friends came by for a bit before dinner and another friend stopped in afterwards. It appears this is the spot to be around here. Apparently there is a big Bike rally coming next week-end. Redneck told everyone we were just a bit early for the big event. Guess we will be staying for a while. While we were waiting for the run to begin we visited a possible site for a future Nationals. Poppy Mountain was a beautiful place with lots of space. We ate at the diner at the bottom of the mountain. Lew and I just ordered a sampler appetizer and got enough good food for a meal for us both. We had dinner at Desperados. Threasa really went all out to fix a meal fit for royalty. They have two of the loveliest girls, who happen to also be the girls who helped me at the Nationals. We had a wonderful time.

Ironton River Run

We had a great time running with the bikes and partying every night with friends. There were vendors selling food and other souvenir stuff. Then in the evening we listened to some bands. One night we went to the campground where Brian was staying to hear some local guys jam. Redneck is trying to get them to a van-in. Most of the bikers at Rednecks were also vanners. So we already knew many of them but we never spent much time together. I am so glad we had this opportunity to get to know them better. I can't wait for next summer to see them at the Nats.

After the riding around with the bikers, we decided to change the venue again and go racing with NASCAR. Bristol was a new experience for me. I've been to other races but this was my first here. And boy what an experience, just ask Gnarly about his first time. As you enter and look down at the track it feels like entering a coliseum. We were early, so we had time to attend the other races before the Sprint cup and to do some sightseeing. We took a ride around the Dam. I didn't know where we were going and forgot my camera. After that I didn't go anywhere without it. I got a picture of an old covered bridge. We also went to the parade of trucks. Because of the lack of space all the Sprint cup trucks have to wait for the other race vehicles to leave the track. They wait at a holding spot; then they all drive up to the track convoy style at one time. It was certainly something they don't do at every track. The race had me holding my breath for Carl Edwards. I thought for sure he was going to win then last minute things didn't go his way. We stayed at a friend of a friend's house while we were there. They have a beautiful spot very close to the track but on top of a mountain. Lew kept listening for banjo music but all I heard was the creek flowing across the path from our van.

Our trip is almost over while we were looking forward to sleeping in our own beds we were not ready to call it quits. So we made one last stop in White Springs, FL. Sidewinder and family were happy to see us and made us welcome. We spent a relaxing evening with friends before heading home. Before we got to our house, we had four calls to welcome us home from friends who saw us on the road. It sure is a small world.

GSVR

We decided to make a mini vacation out of our trip to NC. We arrived Thursday and found a spot available between Cari and Deb from Three Rivers Van Club. On our way Lew was having trouble with the breaks so we spent most of the afternoon taking care of getting them repaired. To make a long story short we got our van back Friday. That evening, we had pot luck dinner. Bones cooked chicken and well you know how vanner pot-luck-dinners go no one left hungry. It was

kind of a laid back evening with everyone visiting campsites and just your usual meet and greet. Saturday, after showing in the parking lot for a bit Cari, Deb, Lew and I went sightseeing and had lunch in Paul's dinner. The town decorated statues of bears in the Cherokee fashion. I wish we had time to see more of them but we didn't want to miss dinner so we headed back to the campground. They had a delicious catered dinner followed by a banjo player who entertained us. There also was a moonshine tasting party. Tequila-Moonshine-Buffalo-Bob had a few small tastes, about ten or twelve. Poor Carol tried to drag him home but kept winding up in other campsites instead. After the banjo player left Bob kept us entertained. Everyone helped him keep track of his teeth. Then it was the long drive home. See you in the Keys!

Agnes

Vanners,

Its been quite a summer...

We had some good pool fun at Jr & Glenda's, too bad we left early... I did good with several charters, but would like to have stayed longer!

GSVR, well what can I say....I love camping in the smokies, hopefully soon it will happen end of Sept again...I miss it. Thanks to those that posted great pics, some are included here for y'all that haven't seen 'em!



Keys next, really lookin forward to some sunny and warm days in the tropics. Fall has already hit central Fla. We then quickly assemble for our annual pork feast, and officer election meeting. The very next weekend is our 1st Vanarama running from Thurs to Sunday. FVC is camping down the road a piece with full hookups, come support our efforts to gain new members and spread the vanning to those who just have no clue!

I hope you enjoy Magoo's love story article – I'd like to see someone submit a story to top his for the 1st newsletter of 2014!

Florida Van Council Newsletter Editor,

Admiral Gnarly

Vanning Around the World

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October 2013

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 Wickmanb 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

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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
2	NV	Halloween Party #5. 308 Lilac Lane, Las Vegas, NV. Time after 4 PM. Games, snacks, fire pit, BYOB. Call Michelle at 702-885-6139 or lilis74@sbcglobal.net
8	NV	The Cove #7. free Campout in the Lake Mead Recreation Area. Call Bill-o 928-201-2001 or Michelle 702-885-6139 Directions The road to the Cove is off 163 hwy between Christmas tree pass and Needles Highway. (there is a stop sign coming out of the turn off. Gravel road suitable for large motor homes (very bumpy drive slow).
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
29-30	MA	New England Van Council toys for tots. flyer to follow see www.facebook.com/petegoldenvoyager or call Pete @ 774.888.8082

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7	RI	31st Toys for Tots West Greenwich Elks Lodge 41 Nooseneck Hill Rd. West Greenwich, RI call Ed Lamothe 401.639.0130
7	FL	Broward Christmas party on Dec 7 at 412 Louisiana Ave. Saint Cloud, FL 34769. It is a BYOB, covered dish event. Santa will be here in the afternoon. Parents please supply a wrapped gift with your child's name on it for him to present to your child. Camp Skoko will be open for the eVANT.
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 NCVC to Kathy Willis at 4136 Carola Ave, San Jose, CA 95130 for more info Call Michelle Seward (702) 885-6139 lilsis@sbcglobal.net Lynn Harmonson (510)352-2606 whltlq@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, NCVC meeting, Pot Luck Dinner Saturday night
2014		
January		
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.
17-19	fl	Weekend at the Chester Ranch and FVC meeting. more to come as available 12251 S.E. 66 th place Morriston, FL 32668 352-489-6479 Cost \$10.00 per person. From I-75 take Rt 40 west to Rt 41 north for 5 miles to 80th street west to Rt 121 south to CR 337 north to 120 CT east to 66 PL south the house is on the left. From US 19 N turn right on to RT 121 and left on CR 337 to 120 Ct east to 66 Pl
17-19	VA	Freeze out 2014 by Free Bird Vanners of Virginia. at Rockahock Campground 1428 Outpost Rd. Lanexa Virginia. There are no 110 plug-ins bring a 30 or 50 amp adaptor. \$40. per van with 2 people \$10. each for extra people. early arrivals on Thursday \$15. per van with two people. if you rent a cabin there is still a \$10. per person fee. Pot luck dinner on Saturday night. bring a dish to share. Contact Paintbrush 804-588-9967 or Patti & Wizard 540-294-0718
February		
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/
21-22	IL	Groundhog party #39. Save a horse, Ride a groundhog. By Vanatics vans At Magnuson Grand Hotel 19067 W Frontage Rd. Raymond, IL Rooms \$74.50 per night Pets \$15. per night for reservations call 217-324-2100. Friday night pool party with entertainment, free beer and prizes. Saturday night cowboy theme. Live music games, prizes, beer and food. Attending Friday & Saturday \$20. each adult, Saturday only \$15. each adult. Fast Eddies bus trip \$20. each adult. Must be registered by 12/31 and be 21 to attend Fast Eddies. For info contact Darrin 217-652-6968 vanatics@charter.net
March		
April		
May		
2-4	FL	Beverly Beach by Fore play Vanners call Magoo at 813-267-9794 more info as available
9-11	OH	Spring Back 2011 at Knox CO Fairgrounds, Mt. Vernon Oh. Dinner on Saturday night. Live music Show and Shine, games etc. Pre reg \$30. Camp trailers \$15. gate \$40. extra people \$10. Send to Vans on the Run, PO Box 247614 Columbus, OH 43224. Directions Take RT 3 to the North Edge of Mt. Vernon. Turn West at the flashing light. more info Call 614-268-9060
23-26	NY	Lost Memorial Day Weekend Greenwich, NY at Washington County Fairgrounds/o Lucy McCasland PO Box 893 Saranac lake, NY 13983 call Willie 803-432-2752
23-26	IL	36th Mid-west International Truck-in " e-mail Woody or Register at the Gate. Rolling Hills Campground, 3151 County Rd 2800 E, Penfield, IL Live bands 2 nights, DJ Friday, Games, pre reg by 5/15 \$40. , gate \$50. extra people \$15. Camper Trailers \$20. Thursday Lost Memorial Day

		Weekend Hosted by Concerned Vanners at Washington County Fairgrounds, 392 Old Schuyerville RD Greenwich, NY pre reg by 5/1 \$35.00 gate \$40. extra people \$5. trailers under 16ft \$10. over \$20. motor homes with van pre reg \$60. gate \$65. alone \$50. and \$55. make check to Lucy McCasland mail to night \$15. We Take Paypal:: contact mvlhoward@aol.com 630-363-8267 or 708-359-3274 send to Midwest V ltd 1589 Wolf Rd. Berkeley, IL
June		
13-15	Canada	Van Fest.19 Canada's Largest van and truck show at Aylmer, Ont. Canada Pre reg by June 1 \$35 at gate \$45. extra people \$10. Camping trailers \$15. send to Vanfest 225 Hysert St. Grimsby, Ontario Canada L3M4E7 web site is www.Vanfest.vandomain.com info call Stacy 905-643-0162 or e-mail vanfest@hotmail.com theme is Roaring Twenties, from the west on 401 take Wellington Rd to Hwy 3 St. Thomas to Springwater Rd. to the Conservation Rd. From the East 401 to Hwy 73 thought Aylmer to Conservation Rd. address is 8079 Springwater Road Aylmer, ON GPS Cords are N 42 45.019 W 81 01.68
July		
16-20	NY	42nd National Truck-in hosted by Vanners for Vanners at Greenwich, NY at Washington County Fairgrounds. Theme Halloween. new flyers are being made at this time. I'll put the new info up as received.
August		
7-9	CA	Wild in the Woods #11. by Sunshine Super Vans.Pre-reg only.Wooded Hills, CA Back to basics.Not electric or water.Pre-reg by 7/15/14. Cost \$35. for 1 vehicle and 2 adults. For info contact Bill-O Vanner@frontiernet.net 928-754-4027 WWW.Showvans.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 cel
29-9/1	PA	Butler. Rock-N-Roll Every night. Water and electric, flush toilets and hot showers. Vans and Panels only by Three Rivers Vans at. Theme 4077 best care 1st.Van and 2 people pre entry \$50.00-At the Gate-\$55.00 Camping trailer \$25.00 -Extra person in van (over 15)-\$25.00.Gates open Friday at 12 Noon . For info call Carol at 724-375-6484 or Jim at 412-262-4298 Show and Shine-Goodie bags-Adult games-Late night games-Kids games-vendors and Awards anywhere. Butler County Fairgrounds route 422-1127 New Castle Rd Prospect Pa, Pre reg deadline August
29-9/1	OR	Com Cob Campout by Vanners for Vanners at Schroeder Park 605 Schroeder Lane Grants Pass Or. Jet boat Dinner Friday night. com all weekend. Float trip bring your boat. Pre reg for T-Shirt by calling Paul McCain 775-852-5994 Pre entry by 8/5 \$60. gate \$70. extra people \$20. trailers \$20. motor homes \$90. for more info contact MA @ onehtma2@aol.com or 253-241-9090 send to Chris Page 15908 79th Ave. Puyallup WA 98375
September		
5-7	CO	The H.A.V.E.'S You by the H.A.V.E'S and The H.A.V.E. N.O.T.S at Lost Borro Campground, Cripple Creek, CO 4013 Teller Rd. #1 Cripple Creek CO 80813 pre entry by 8/1 \$35. Gate \$40. club trailers \$10. sleeping trailers \$15. extra people \$10. 720-207-1578 or Cindy-Lou 719-229-7242 4snymph@comcast.net
14-17	PA	Keystone Madness by Performance, (the eVANt does not start until Thursday 9/14. You may come as early as 9/13 and pay \$5.00 per night to camp). at Schuylkill county Fairgrounds, Summit Station PA pre reg by 9/1 \$35. \$75.motor homes by 9/1 (club affiliated only) gate \$40.motor homes \$80.extra people \$10. trailers \$15. 1 free club trailer. Friday Road Rally/Poker Run. for more info contact Performance Inc. PO Box 815 Pottstown, PA 19464 or Chas 610-469-0604 www.performanceinc.org
October		
		GSVR VI hosted by the Southeast Van Council at Flaming Arrow Campground (1-877-497-6161) \$25. per night. call after 2/1/14 Music, pot luck dinner, parade through Cherokee, NC, and an awards ceremony more info as available

FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN

vanner style

You know the story. Sometime things get a little old in your life. You feel the need to spice things up. Add some new adventure to your life. What is the best way to rejuvenate that love again? Here is a little story about my adventure.



I have been feeling that same way for a while now and not real sure how to go about getting that old feeling again. Life was getting kind of dull and lacked that old spark. I decided to get out and start looking for that something special to get back that feeling again.

There are many ways to get back out in the world and I thought I'd give it a try. After cruising several different web sites looking for that right connection. I thought I found one. Made several calls asking all the usual questions. Everything seemed to be going just great. We were making plans to meet then out of nowhere around Thanksgiving everything fell apart and it was back to the starting point again. Didn't know if I should just give up or continue searching.

I kept my search up and several months later another great connection came up. Everything was sounding great. All the questions and all the answers was what I was looking for. Maybe this might be the one. After months of talking, the plans were made to meet.

As the date got closer and closer the more nervous I got. Will everything go ok? The night before heading to the airport I get a call that part of the flight has been cancelled. Called the airline and was able to get onto a later flight out. That will put me in town real late. Had to postpone the meeting until the next day. Toss and turned all night worried about how the meeting will go.

Was up early and ready to go for the meeting date. The sun was up and it was nice and bright. It was a short trip to where we had set to meet. As I rounded the corner and pulled up to the place there she stood. What a sight. I was almost speechless. Could this really be the one for me? My hands were shaking as we met. Spent the next several minutes just staring. Slowly going over every inch. The more I looked the more I knew this is the one. She is the one for me. After more talk it was decided that she was going to come home with me.

We made plans to spend the next week together traveling back home to Florida. What a great trip. Getting to know each other. The many sites that we saw. It was 2700 miles and we took a week getting home. What a trip to remember. She was mine.

Her stats:

1975 chevy g10
Slightly warmed over 350
Tuned port fuel injection
Automatic with overdrive
Front and rear air
New front suspension
Air ride suspension in the rear
All new wiring
Electric windows and locks
And much more.





Just remember if things are getting a little dull and boring in your life. You feel the need to add something special to help get that old spark back. Do like I did.

I searched the best
web site I could find
for that right match.
WWW.VANNIN.COM



Oh... by the way, the wife loves her too.

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