



# November 2014

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# **Next FVC meeting/ eVANt**

Date: November 15th, 2014

Time: 12:00

Cost: No Van = No cost, Van show cost – unknown

\$4 pp to enter Hillsborough River State Park or if camping \$24/ night

www.reserveamerica.com or 813-987-6771

**Place:** Zephyrhills Auto Show (2738 Gall BLVD, Zephrhills 33541) with Cookout and camping following at Hillsborough River State Park (15402 N US Highway 301, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592)

Both locations are found on the same road 1 mile apart with the Auto show to the North. Call an FVC Officer for further details or help.

# 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. Old Business,
- 6. New Business
- 7. Van-in proposals
- 8. Van-in updates
- 9. CofC 2015 Registration on-line
- 10. Nominate new officers
- 11. 2015 FVC meeting schedule

On the Cover: GSVR X - 2014 Cherokee NC

# FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the August 30, 2014 meeting at Junior and Glenda's in Englewood are as follows:

Leslie called the meeting to order. Rich was absent.

Minutes of the June 14, 2014 meeting were read and approved with the following correction. Gnarly noted that "Loop 2" should be changed to "Loop 1" in the sentence" Gnarly checked the campsite on-line and there are 10 sites left in Loop 2."

There were 7 clubs present (out of 15 clubs total) and 5 Excused Absences during roll call.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Linard gave the Treasurer's report.

#### **NEWSLETTER REPORT:**

Gnarly noted that the deadline for inputs to the next issue of the newsletter is October 5 to allow inputs from GSVR X, as he can't make it to that event. So, please don't forget, and send your newsletter articles about GSVR X by October 5.

#### **MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014:**

| November 15 | Election of          | Officers | and | Pig | Roast | _ | Zephyrhills |
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|             | Auto Show near Tampa |          |     |     |       |   |             |

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

November meeting at Zephyrhills: The Pig Roast will be at the campground. The FVC meeting will be at the show. Those who are not camping but want to attend the meeting can stay in the campground for \$2 per person, provided it is not for the whole day. No camping at that price. But, you can come to the Pig Roast and enjoy most of the day with the rest of us. Those who aren't camping can get a ride into the show with someone who has his vehicle in the show. We'll try to have a flier out ahead of time, but all the final last-minute details will be worked out with lots of postings on Facebook.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Glenda noted that they would not be able to host the end-of-summer meeting next year on Labor Day Weekend 2015. They have a commitment for that weekend. She gave that notice one year in advance so the FVC can decide what to do about the meeting for 2015. The options are, basically, to either change the date of the meeting, or the location of the meeting. Joe noted that changing the date away from Labor Day means we wouldn't have the long weekend. Cari noted that our chances of getting a suitable location, especially if we choose a campground, are greatly enhanced if we do NOT choose the

Labor Day weekend. The weekend before, or the weekend after will probably be best for campground availability. This needs to be discussed at the next two meetings.

#### **VAN-IN PROPOSALS:**

There were no new Van-In Proposals.

#### **VAN-IN UPDATES:**

GSVR X October 3 - 4, 2014 – Flaming Arrow Campground, just south of Cherokee, NC. Hosted by the Southeast Van Council. No update.

FVC October 24 - 25, 2014 - Halloween in the Keys. Sunshine Key Campground, mile marker 39, U.S. 1 in the Florida Keys. Linard said we need to get our pre-reg in for the Keys. He also noted that the old fishing bridges (on either side of the new bridges) are closed for one or both sides. So, don't count on fishing off those old bridges. Gnarly said we'd have trophies this year. We got them from this years' NATS. Spookytooth said it would be great if Derek played for us one night. Cari will be in charge of contacting Derek and getting the details taken care of. Remember, if you need to call Spookytooth the week before the event, call his cell phone. He'll be down there early, so DON'T call his home phone. Call him at 954-695-5786 if you have any questions.

Vanners for Vanners February 20 - 22, 2015 — River Forest Group Camping Site in the Ocala National Forest, near Deland. Everything is going fine. Scribe John again noted that we definitely need to know how many vanners are going so we'll be prepared with enough food. Please let us know, even if you can't pre-reg at this time. He asked for a show of hands as to who's planning to go. Only got about 6 hands raised, but there were only about 12 vanners at the meeting so that probably isn't a real good final count.

ForePlay May 1 - 3, 2015 – Beverly Beach Camptown, Flagler Beach, FL - Magoo said everything is on schedule.

#### **NOMINATION FOR FVC OFFICERS FOR 2015:**

Junior decided he's stepping down as Van Judge and nominated Dan'o for FVC Van Judge for 2015. Dan'o accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations will be re-opened at the November 15 meeting

Mook noted that she and Gnarly are planning to attend the 43rd Van Nationals in Altamont, Illinois in July of 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

# FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL CLUB ROSTER - November 15, 2014

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12251 S.E. 66th Place Morriston, FL 32668 Rick Chester (352) 489-6479

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3701 Southview Dr. Brandon, FL 33511 Magoo Hartman (813) 267-9794 e-mail MagooFVCVanner@verizon.net

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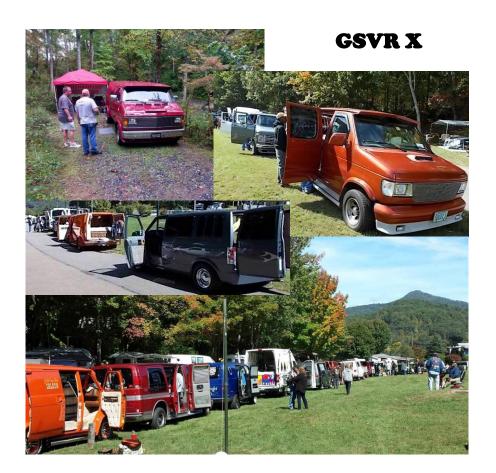
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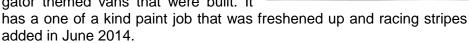
#### 16 Independents



# Featured FVC Van - Panda Mark's Gator Van

The Gator Van is an award winning 2005 Ford E-150.lt has a 4.3 motor and is rolling on custom 20 inch wheels.

The Gator Van is one of fifty gator themed vans that were built. It



It also sports a custom fiberglass body kit and low profile high top roof. This allows for extra interior height but still allows The Gator Van to be safely tucked away in a garage.

Mark's van has a Florida gator themed interior that will be updated in 2015,so be on the lookout for that.

#### Featured Vanners - Luke & Leslie



Luke (aka Lukester) started his love for vans as a young child due to his grandfather's 1985 Dodge B250. He bought his fist van, a 1978 Dodge Maxiwagon at age 16.lt was honestly a rust bucket but was all he could afford while working at McDonald's. He

proposed to Leslie in that van (I guess everyone knows what her answer was). He ended up selling it a year later.

The first van Luke and Leslie owned together was his grandfather's Dodge. They went to New Jersey to bring her home. The love of this van (aka Black Magic) was what sparked the interest in finding others who felt the same.

Luke found vanning.com and Crazie Bob. Bob invited them to attend an event in 2004.It was in White Springs at Side Winder's hunting lease. They had a great time but ended up disappearing for a while.

They reemerged at Beverly Beach in 2007 and have been going strong with the FVC ever since. They have no plans of ever disappearing again. They are passing on the love of vans and the vanning community to their four children as they are the future vanners.

Leslie is the current Vice President of the FVC while Luke does all he can to promote the FVC on Vanning.com and anywhere else he can.



The one wish they both have is to see vanning grow and continue. They want people to know that it does not matter how custom or not your van is but it is all about the love of the vans period.

### **FVC Vice President**

Wow, It is hard to believe the year is almost over. Personally this has been a very rough year for myself and my family but we have survived it all. Vanning wise it has been a great year full of wonderful people as always .I have learned so much about what goes on behind the scenes and am still learning (which I am loving every minute of it).

As I write this we have two big events still to come and I thank everyone for supporting the FVC.I wish I could join you all in the Keys but have a little extra fun for me.I will see you all for the Election of Officers / Pig Roast event at Zephryhills.

Leslie

#### **FVC Treasurer**



Hi All!

Well the year is winding down and autumn is in the air. The Keys are fast approaching and next thing you known it, it's going to be Christmas. Where has the year gone? I would like to thank Jr and Glenda for the

fine weekend at their place. I just wish I wasn't sick that weekend; it would have been a lot more fun for me. We had the usual great food and videos by Chet. We got to see The Little Red Wrecker for the last time before it went to California. Next year we have to find somewhere else to go on Labor Day. Jr and Glenda have a wedding to go to, so let's start thinking now! Leslie got to run the meeting after Richie had a senior moment (forgot about the meeting). Does that make him the holder of the record for the longest time waiting on an officer to start a meeting?

The next meeting is Nov. 14 at the car show. We will get together at the Keys and hash out the plans on holding the meeting and the pig roast. The will be my first time to this show. We will try and see how this works. So bring a covered dish (with something in it). I need to get a head count on who is coming ahead of time. I would like to have most of the meat cooked ahead of time and just reheat it. So if you are not going to the keys email me that you (how many) are coming. Send it to my email morr465@bellsouth.net home/ linard@kcenginepro.com work. The work email is the best one to send it too.

On the home front news, we have a new puppy named Cooper. He is a Redbone Mississippi Coon hound mutt. He was 12 weeks old when we got him and I have the scars to prove it. The joys of puppy and potty training. Sofia will have a new boyfriend to play with!

Hope to see you in the Keys. Drive safe and see you soon. Linard

# From the Editor...



1<sup>st</sup> issue of 2015 looks to be a full issue with coverage of the Vanimated Dreams eVant, the Zephyrhills eVant, New years and not to mention the various X-mas parties to be attended! Send in those stories.

Mook and Gnarly want to thank all that ventured over for our wedding, it was a great party! Great weather and we even had a great honeymoon! It was awesome to be surrounded by so many great people.

Be looking forward also to the Beach in May with Fore Play Vanners, Illinois for the Nationals, and maybe even some surprises along the way.... See ya there... Gnarly

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| Judpilon@aol.com or 407-484-2234  |     |   |  |  |
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| 24-25   | FL  | Florida Van Council <u>Truck-in at Sunshine Key Campground</u> MM 39.on HWY1. \$75. pre-reg van and 2 adults. RV or van with trailer \$105. extra people \$15 for extra days before or after call Brenda at campground 305-872-2217 Send pre Reg to FVC c/o Linard 12931 S W 10th Ct, Davie FL 33325 call SpookyTooth for info 954695-5786 (cell)   |  |  |
| No  | vem | <u>ber</u>  |  |  |
| 1st   | ۷V  | Halloween #6 40-70 birthday party. A costume makes it fun for everyone—be creative! (or come as your ghoulish self if you must!) Where: 308 lilac Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89107 Time: O' Darkish or anytime after 4pm . For your enjoyment BYOB Directions: 95 to Rancho (south), Left onto Bonanza, Right on Avalon Ave, 1st Left on Lilac Lane. 308 is the 2nd house on the left. Contact Info: Michelle 702-885-6139 /Lilsis74@sbcglobal.net Fire Pit, snacks, games and much more   |  |  |
| 1st   | RI  | Getaway Truckers 21st Halloween Party at Riverside Sportsman's Association Riverside, RI pre-reg \$12. per person by 10/1 after \$15.00 per person. make checks payabe3l to Carol Coutemache 32 Andover Ave. South Attleboro, MA 02703 no alcohol to be taken into the club. Call Dave for info 58-826-2272 hotel is Motel 6 821 Fall River Rd. Seekonk, MA 02771 call 508-336-7800 shuttle service form hotel  |  |  |
| 7-9   | CA  | Dazed and Confused #11 Lake Elsinore California November 7, 8, 9, 2014 32040 Riverside  Drive in Lake Elsinor Games Show & Shine Trophies Goody Bags Showers Hookups Dash  Plaques Club Dave Rockin'Friday Night The BIG BOSS BAND Saturday Night Prize Raffle + 50/50 Gypsy Vanners will also be collecting toys for tots, bring a unwrapped toy worth ten dollars & get 10 free raffle tickets more info online: <a href="http://wheelsofconfusionvanclubhuntingtonbeach.yolasite.com">http://wheelsofconfusionvanclubhuntingtonbeach.yolasite.com</a> Pre-Reg deadline is now November 1st Pre-Reg Open to Vans-Customs-Trucks-Minis e-mail is wheelsofconfusionvanclub@hotmail.com Pay at PayPal.com or mail to: P.O. Box 10691 Santa Ana, Ca. 92711 Limited edition T-shirts at \$20.00 each in sizes S L XL XXL  XXXL Pre-Reg cost is \$55.00 + a "six pack" at the gate for 2 adults, kids under 16 free Extra adults \$10.00 each GATE PRICE is \$65.00 + a "six-pack" at the gate or no six pack add \$5.00. ALL "six-packs" will be raffled off Need more info: Call Jerry Jugs @ 714-805-4370 or Gavin @ 714-835-6616 Click Here for Flier Front Click Here for Flier Back |  |  |
| 7-9   | ۷V  | The Cove #9 off Hwy Road to the Cove is off of 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!)To Lake Mead Recreation area GPS Coordinates: N 35 13.992' W 114 35.637' Contacts: Bill-O 928-201-2001 or Michelle 702-885-6139  |  |  |
| 7-9   | WA  | Truckin for Tots by Northwest Van Council at Touch of Nostalgia Museum 251 S. Austin Seattle WA. Weekend \$25. Sat only \$10 per person and at least one Toy Friday night chili and soup, Saturday hot cakes and games, winter carnival and cake walk pot luck and Santa for the kids Christmas stocking auction. make a stocking to auction. for info call MA 253-241-9090 onehtma2@aol.com  |  |  |
| 15  | FL  | FVC meeting and Campout. Meeting at Zephyrhills Fall Autofest and camping at Hillsborough River State Park. loop 1 call for reservations 813-987-6771 - Festival Park is located of US 301 at 2738 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, Florida 33541 - Hillsborough River State Park is located at 15402 U.S. 301, North Thonotosassa, Florida 33592  |  |  |

| December |      |  |  |  |  |
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| 6th      | MO   | 38th Annual Christmas Party by Three Trails Vans of KS.at Pleasant Valley Community Center Pleasant Valley MO. Snack and set ups provided by Three Trails Vans BYOB \$120. per person and a toy valued at at least \$5. 7 pm till midnight. music by Noons Tunes near by hotel info Fairfield In 816-792-4000, Comfort suites 816-781-7273   |  |  |  |
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| February |      |  |  |  |  |
| 12-14    | СО   | Council of Councils Meeting - Denver - Colorado Van Council - <a href="http://www.cofc2015.com/">http://www.cofc2015.com/</a> Do NOT call the 800 number nor register online for hotel reservations. Call 303-373-1444 and ask for the Colorado Van Council rate.  |  |  |  |
| 20-22    | FL   | Vanners for Vanners "Return to River Forest" River Forest Group Camping Site (near Deland) - Ocala National Forest - pre-reg \$50. by 1/20/2015 after and gate \$60. 2 adults.and kids under 16. additional adults \$10. Friday night Pot Luck Contest (watch FVC Newsletter for details) Saturday Breakfast and Dinner. Sunday morning "Grab and Go Breakfast" Gates open 3 PM on Friday. Make checks payable to Randy Connell @ 12595 137th St. N. Largo FL 33774 more info RTWVAN@tampabay.rr.com Click Here for Flier Click Here for Map Link and Directions |  |  |  |



# Hey FVC!

There was a lot of fun to be had at GSVRX. Folks from SOVC in Ohio and Midwest Vans came down for their first SEVC experience. What a great time! The weather was picture perfect Thursday, rained

Friday and turned pretty darned cold Saturday night. We awoke to frost on Sunday and packed while the heavy fog burned off. The van show was a blast, potluck on Friday night and catered chicken dinner Saturday night. Sorry I have no pics to post.

After the Keys, we are looking forward to the Pig Roast at Hillsborough in November. Don't forget election of officers and your covered dish. I am very happy to hear we will be going back to Chester's for the pre-New Year's Eve bash in the woods. Another great occasion to have a bonfire and lots of pot luck! Van safe and bring some friends to an eVANt!

Cari

# Vanners for Vanners

The Party Never Inds Presents

# "Return to river forest"

# River Forest CG, Deland FL

February 20,22-2015

Pre-Reg \$50.00 before 1-20-2015. \$60.00 at gate 2 Adults, Kids under 16 free. Additional adults \$10.00 ea. Friday Night Pot Luck Contest (watch FVC Newsletter for details) Saturday Breakfast and Dinner. Sunday morning "Grab and Go Breakfast"

# Gate Opens At 3:00 PM Friday

**GPS Info.** (Latitude, Longitude): 29.01287, -81.39076 29°0'46"N, 81°23'27"W

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| Adults:        | Kids: |  |

Make Check Payable To: Randy Connell @ 12595 137<sup>th</sup> St N Largo, FL 33774 rtwvan@tampabay.rr.com



# Florida Van Council

# Membership and newsletter application

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

#### Fees

\$20 (1 year Jan. – Dec.) \$15 (1/2 year July 1 – Dec. 31)

- It is your responsibility to notify the FVC of any address or phone number changes or you may not receive your newsletter.
- \*\*\* Please make all checks and money orders payable to:

#### Florida Van Council

and mail to:

FVC Treasurer: Linard Morris 12931 sw 10<sup>th</sup> ct, Davie, FL 33325

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