

FVC Newsletter



September 2014

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Next FVC meeting/ eVANt

Date: August 30th, 2014

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 5, 2014 - Next Newsletter deadline – October 5, 2014

2014 Last Meeting at Zephyrhills Auto Show November 15th, 2013
Election of 2014 Officers & Pig Roast Party at Hillsborough State Park
www.reserveamerica.com or 813-987-6771

On the Cover: Florida Van Council at the Nationals in NY

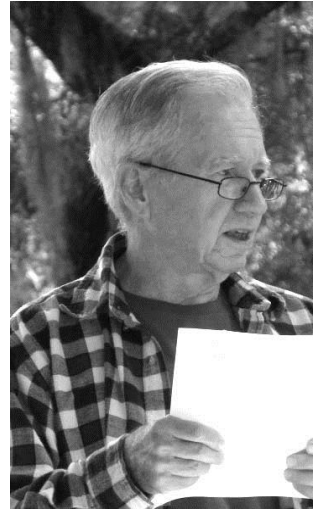
FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the June 14, 2014 meeting at the Clark Family Campground near Orange City are as follows:

Rich called the meeting to order.

The group observed a minute of silence in remembrance of Spaceman and Renée's son.

Minutes of the March 15, 2014 meeting were read and approved. The reading of the minutes was interrupted when Cari made a motion that we accept the FVC By-law revisions proposed at the last meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous hand vote, with no abstentions. The motion was, technically, out of the normal order of business, but was carried, nonetheless. The FVC by-laws have never required the we hold a meeting by strict adherence to Roberts Rules of Order, or anyone else's rules of order, for that matter.



There were 11 clubs present (out of 15 clubs total) and 4 Excused Absences during roll call.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mook gave the Treasurer's report, in Linard's absence.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

Gnarly noted that this last issue was a real fun issue. There were lots of articles submitted by the members. Keep it up. Remember, you don't have to be an officer to submit an article to the newsletter. Deadline for inputs to the next issue of the newsletter is August 3.

MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014:

August 30	Meeting in conjunction with event at Junior and Glenda's in Englewood.
November 15	Election of Officers and Pig Roast – Zephyrhills Auto Show near Tampa

OLD BUSINESS:

Russ thanked everyone who came to this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members: The group welcomed Jeremiah and M.J., from Inverness, to the FVC with a round of applause. They found out about us from Van Man Lukester via Vanning.com.

Name change for Vannin.com: It was noted that Astro has sold the name "Vannin.com" to another individual for a nice chunk of money. "Vanning.com" has always been another option to get to the "Vannin.com" website. For the immediate future, there will be no change to the site. But, with the extra cash on hand, Astro plans to update and improve the site (as he has been doing in the past) to better serve the vanning community worldwide.

November meeting at Zephyrhills: Gnarly checked the campsite on-line and there are 10 sites left in Loop 2. There was a question about not having to pay for the auto show if you just came for the FVC meeting. Jim Bulger is working on the details of how to just attend the FVC meeting, and not the show.

VAN-IN PROPOSALS:

Rick Chester The usual New Year's party at his place.

ForePlay May 1 - 3, 2015 – Beverly Beach Camptown, Flagler Beach, FL - Will be pretty much like the previous ones. Will always have a surprise or two.

VAN-IN UPDATES:

Jr. and Glenda's August 29 – September 1, 2014 – Englewood. No update.

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. Spookytooth noted that you should call his cell phone if you need to get in touch with him about this event. 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. Randy noted that the van parking area is unchanged from the last time we had an event there. Prepare for the weather to be cold. If you need power, you need to bring it with you. There is a nice new screened building down by the river. Mook noted that there is a store fairly close by. There is a big community fire ring

down by the riverside. Randy guaranteed an adequate supply of firewood to keep Gnarly busy. Please pre-reg!

Friday Potluck: Bring your best dish and register it with Jeannie. She will give the dish a number, and there will be a prize for the best dish.

Saturday: Same as usual.

Sunday: Grab and Go. No full breakfast. We're not going to have time for that at this location. We'll just have stuff like cereal, coffee, Danish, O.J., etc.

Randy also noted that he had complained to the Forest Service about the "horse people" "blocking out" all the dates we wanted at Doe Lake. That's just not fair. It is a federal campground and all the folks who want to use it should get an equal shot at the dates they want.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

Hiya Vanners!

This issue is filled with stories and good times, I hope you enjoy and don't forget we want to hear about your good times too!

Thank you all that contribute to continue our proud tradition of this Newsletter, with y'all supporting it by sending in these great stories you are doing your part in keeping vanning strong and growing. I am still honored to provide this newsletter for the Florida Van Council.

Mook & Gnarly will be getting married Sept. 6th, 2014 on the beach on the west coast – St Pete Beach Fla. We chose the wedding to be our big trip instead of the Nats this year, not to mention our awesome honeymoon plans! Looks like we missed a great party up there in NY, we'll be in Illinois in 2015.

Plans are coming along for VANimated Dreams in the keys this Halloween and it looks like a good out of state turnout this year as well. Start making plans to come to an awesome campground at unbelievable rates.



Gnarly
FVC Newsletter Editor

FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL CLUB ROSTER – August 30, 2014

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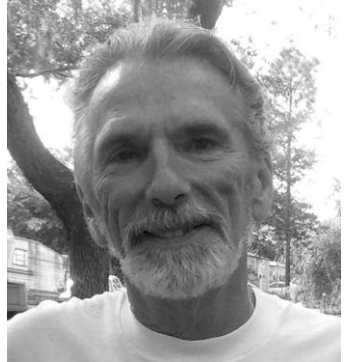
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FVC President

We all had a great time at Coastals eVANT. Thank you for those that made it. All clubs need a good turn out to keep these eVANTs going. Your help is essential, without your help they cannot go on. If you and not attend a small donation will help to keep these good times going. Because of life not everyone can make each and every eVANT. These clubs try to put these on for us vanners. So PLEASE try to help them out. I know Coastal made less then \$20 when all was done and paid for. Your help is needed badly. We need more participation. PLEASE do whatever you can to keep vanning going. Sorry if i sound like a hard ass but these clubs need help.



Had a great time in New York at the Nats. They had 550 vans. Had a great time with Lou and Agnes. They really kept us going. It only takes four good people to have an awesome party.

Richie

FVC Vice President

I hope everyone has had a great summer. The first half of this year has been a great one of vanning and I look forward to the evants still to come. I want to thank everyone for the continued support they have given to the FVC. I am having a wonderful time being the Vice President and have learned that so much goes into running the FVC behind the scenes. John has schooled me this year on the inner workings lol. I want to thank Ritchie for being by my side as we both have tried to figure everything out.



I can not wait for the next meeting at Junior and Glenda's. I hope all that are able will attend. We are sure to have a great time as always!

Leslie

FVC Treasurer



Hi everybody. I hope everybody had a good time at Coastal's truck in. Sorry I missed it, but we had relatives in town. We went to the Keys. I guess if you can't go to a truck in, the Keys is the next best thing. It has been a long time since I missed an eVANT. I am looking forward to reading all of the stories in the newsletter. I am hoping we can get a flier

together before the next meeting at Jr's. (we will).

On a sad note, We had to put down Stash Man on July 24. He got cancer on his spleen and into his lungs. We got twelve wonderful years from him. Now, I have nobody to pick up ice cubes when they jump out of the ice maker and onto the floor. He loved his cooler cookies! He will be missed every day.

Well that's about all I have. Looking forward to the big Randy and Mook wedding in September, I got my room reserved!

See you at Jr's.

Linard

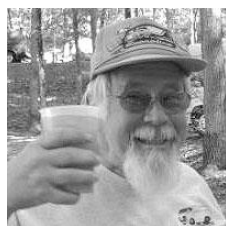


Stash at Skoko Nuts



Had different environment at PA with the Pavilion the Kurk from CustomVan.com uses for Vanarama III.

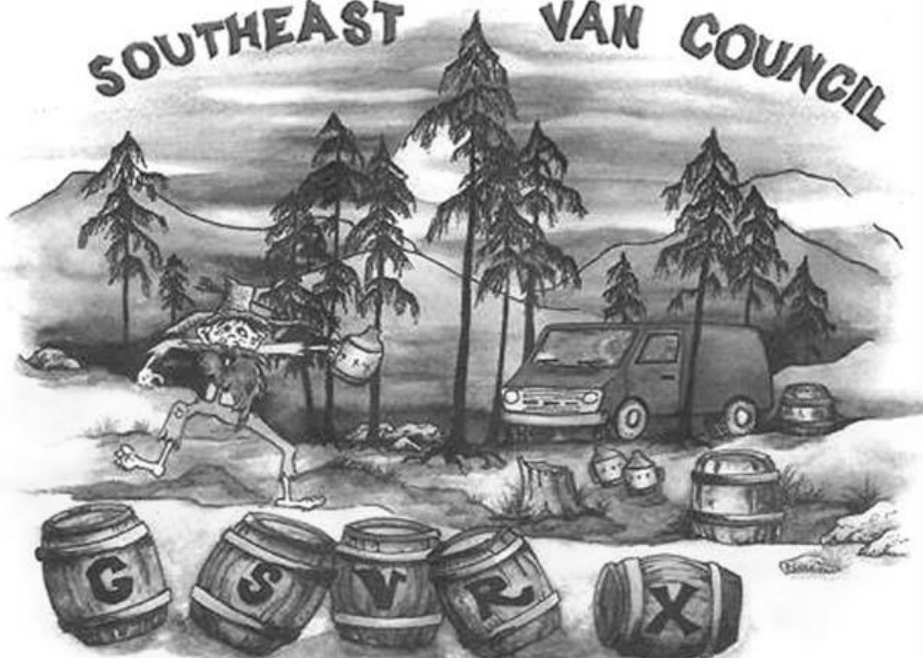
Will be checking with Event Manager at Zephyrhills for updates to November Vanarama.



Jim in GA /Blue Lemon



SOUTHEAST VAN COUNCIL



OCT. 3RD-5TH 2014 Cherokee NC

For more information contact the Southeast Van Council. Reservations can be made by contacting the Flaming Arrow Campground. Come enjoy music, a pot luck dinner, the Parade through Cherokee, Show & Shine, raffle, games, and an awards ceremony all in the heart of the Great Smokey Mountains.

All vans, panels, and enthusiasts welcome.

Reservations by 9/1/2014 - Tent site with electric \$25 - RV site full hook up \$35
Reservations after 9/1/2014 - Tent site w/ electric \$30 - RV site full hook up \$40

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All prices are *per day* and include 2 adults.
Each extra adult is \$5.00 per day

When: October 3rd-5th 2014
Where: Flaming Arrow Campground
Cherokee NC.

Florida Van Council presents



VANimated Dreams
&
Adventures in Paradise

*Come dream with us in the
fabulous Florida Keys
October 24 - 26, 2014
Sunshine Key Camping Resort
Florida Keys, U.S. Highway 1
Mile Marker 39*



PRE REG BEFORE OCT. 1 IS REQUIRED TO GET THE VANNER'S DEAL. WE ONLY HAVE A BLOCK OF CAMPSITES. WHEN THEY ARE GONE YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE REGULAR CAMPGROUND RATE.

\$75.00 VAN W/2 PEOPLE \$15.00 EXTRA PEOPLE \$105 FOR SLEEP IN TRAILERS

Contact the CAMPGROUND DIRECTLY for extra days at (305) 872-2217 Extra days available at VANNERS RATE FOR 3 days prior and 3 days after the event

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WE ONLY PARTY



WITH THE BEST!

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Coastal Vans of Daytona



Nightmare at Clark Campground



Featured FVC Van – Lucille



1994 Chevy G20 5.7 liter V8

The van was in great shape when it came home to us, and we have been very lucky thus far, as not a lot of mechanical work has been needed (knock on wood.) The past couple of months we have been putting some cosmetic work into it. Rust



was an issue under the running boards and a few other places, so our first stop was paint and body.



We would like to thank Mark Bones for overseeing the work and even pitching in when he could. Jason has also built a cabinet unit to house, drawers, our refrigerator, and act as a counter for the television, microwave, and coffee maker.

It is a work in progress, with the cabinet for the toilet and floors still to come but we are truly excited about the changes we are making to the van and look forward to sharing them with our vanning family.



Jason & Robin



The Traveling Skokoberries



May 2014

It has been a while since I've written about the traveling Skokoberries. However, they have been very busy. This May, they began their summer tour with a Cinco DeMayo celebration by ForePlay in Beverly Beach, Florida. It was a wet weekend until Sunday. After packing Ma spent some time on the beach with the little SkokoBerries. Then, they headed North. They drove as far as South Point, SC before finding a beautiful, expensive KOA set in a wooded area. It was a small family run facility with many extras but Pa had trouble seeing past the \$ signs. Ma enjoyed walking around observing all the green areas with creative sculptures. She kept watching for the cute statues among the plants. They even had an old telephone booth.

Next night, the Skokoberries stopped at another beautiful spot, this time in the Jefferson National Park. Everything was on the honor system; find a spot, put money in the envelope, then in the box. Simple, just like Pa likes. They parked across the street from the park ranger. Pa had to be on his best behavior, so Ma and Pa went for a little hike after dinner.

Tuesday, Pa called Coop to get an address for Spring Back to put in the GPS (You all know how Pa likes his gadgets). Coop informed our heroes that they were only a short distance from the campground but two days early. It was decided that Ma and Pa crash at Coop's house until they could get in the eVANT. After fixing a wheel bearing assembly on Coops truck, Ma and Pa helped Coop and Judith pack for Spring Back. As a reward Coop gave them a sneak peek at his new project. By Thursday, they were getting settled at Knox County Fairgrounds. Ten friends went to dinner Coop, Judith, Randy, Smitty, Brenda, Donna, the Skokoberries and the bride and groom Mary (Crazy Daisy) and Goofy. That evening, SOVC entertained the Skokoberries. Smitty served his famous Little Beers, while vanners kept arriving and



stories were flowing until after 3:00. Ma was happy to see so many vans congregated in one area, like the old days in Florida. Friday was the usual meet and greet as more vanners were arriving. It was nice to see friends they hadn't seen since last summer. Redneck arrived after dinner and the jokes began, ask Mook about the phone calls. Redneck was parked next to Marty, Hippie, Ghost, Tucker, and Shela, who fed Ma and Pa chili all weekend.(You know what happens when Pa eats chili). Fish and Fritter parked next to Smitty, Roger, DJ, Ma and Pa parked on the other side of Party central, as they called it. Everyone really made the Skokoberries

feel welcome. Some puppy Truckers arrived after Smittie's had been open a while and tried to set up across the street from Smitty. SOVC



being their usual friendly bunch just had to help. Poor Tim from Mich. made an easy-up seem anything but easy. The puppy truckers ended up having a good time but I bet next time they don't park next to SOVC. There was a heavy metal band Friday night. There were about 250 vans total and 90 in the show-n-shine. Saturday, was van show, games, and wedding. Goofy married Crazy Daisy. It was a very nice Van-in wedding. The ladies all wore purple tie-dyed dresses with a multicolored heart on the front. While the guys wore matching t-shirts and black jeans. The host cooked a delicious pork dinner with mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and a cupcake for desert. Smitty ran the bar in back of the band building for the wedding reception. Saturday night was the same band, but they played more 70's music, another 3:00 night. This is becoming a habit. Sunday was a beautiful morning to pack. Ma and Pa hated to say goodbye, however it became easier when they reminded themselves they would see them again at Nats.

Next,we find Ma and Pa visiting family in Pittsburgh. The weather was mostly cold and wet. However, as usual Pa ended up under his dads car. This time it was only the shocks. Friday, they went out for a fish dinner. Sunday, Ma Skokoberry helped Pa's Dad plant flowers in the back yard. Aunt Ila and Uncle Tom came to visit and help with the planting. Uncle John thought he was getting a free meal but Pa Skokoberry and Uncle John ended up working on the plumbing so Ma Skokoberry could do the laundry before heading North again.

May 20, The SkokoBerries found a beautiful place to spend the night – Willow Bay in the Allegheny National Forest. Before dinner they went for a short hike along the creek behind their camp and under the bridge. After dinner they hiked in the other direction along the creek, until the rain sent them back to camp. Pa said it is so peaceful here during the week. However, Ma noted how busy it must be on the weekends.



May 26, Concerned Vanners is over. Ma and Pa Skokoberry are on the road again. Concerned Vanners was a nice van in. The hosts hard work paid off. They had some good bands “Third Real” and “Nuthin Fancy” who played into the wee hours each night with few breaks. Saturday, Pa thought the show was over and went to bed only to hear the band crank up moments later. There were lots of fun games for all ages. About 185 vehicles attended. Having other vehicles attend and show encouraged others to find out what vanning was all about and improved participation, although most were vans. The Skokoberry's were glad to see so many young people vanning. It continued to rain and be cold especially as the sun went down. However, no one let that dampen their spirits. Ma and Pa made many new friends. While they were there, they checked out the spot where they parked in 1991. Back then Sidewinder and Pa made an Adirondack lean-to into a shower. Now it was being used to store extra tables.

After leaving New York, Ma and Pa came across some painted Moose statues from last year's festival and a lioness for this year's festival. Pictures will be posted on facebook. The area is so beautiful. Now if they could just do something about the weather. Suddenly Pa turned on to a private drive. Ma began to protest when she saw the “Private Property” sign. Pa continued after all the GPS voice couldn't be wrong. Turns out this time she was right as a familiar voice yelled out of nowhere. Dave just happened to be in the neighborhood. He led the rest of the way to their Hacienda. The next few days Ma and Pa spent relaxing and helping out when they could.





Friday Pa decided to drive to The New Hampshire Speedway. When they arrived they discovered the race was in Dover not New Hampshire. They had a nice visit anyway. Took pictures of an empty track then found a very nice seafood restaurant. It turned out to be an excellent day. Jacqi and Dave were wonderful hosts but it is time to move on. Ma and Pa promised to return as they drove away.

June 2014

Before they left Jacqi and Daves, Ma decided to look for some Falls since Pa kept saying they hadn't seen any. So Ma and Pa went sightseeing. They visited the Cathedral of the Pines, a cathedral of all faiths dedicated to all military who gave their lives for their country. It was a nice peaceful walk through gardens. Then, they went looking for the Royal Falls. A girl in Royalston, Mass. gave them directions to Doane Falls which were beautiful. After walking around there Ma and Pa continued their search for Royal Falls. They found Falls Rd. and drove until the road was not passable. Then, they parked and walked about a mile further, finally giving up before the mosquitoes carried them off.

On their way to Provanity in Weedsport, NY; Ma and Pa traveled through more storms. The cold and wet returned. Ma declared "No wonder New Yorkers come to Florida, between the cold, rain and mosquitoes who would want to live here. Florida bugs may be big but NY mosquitoes attack by the hundreds not to mention the black fly." However, the people have been very nice and when the mosquitoes aren't around our visit has been very nice. It is a beautiful country we live in.

Ma and Pa found Riverforest Campground with little trouble. They spent a day driving around Alburn and Weedsport. There were lots of old buildings especially churches many from the 1800's. But not much Pa wanted to stop and investigate further.

I don't know how they do it but MA and Pa keep getting parked next to the party van. Donnie the DJ and Pup kept them entertained all weekend from blender drinks to cherries and a wonderful fire. Animal and the rest of Salt City Vans did a good job of running things and keeping the momentum going. There was a van show, bright and shine, carnival games, and two bands. Doc from Canada talked Pa into going to Van Fest. It didn't take long for word to get out that Pa was thinking about going to Van Fest. Several vanners offered a place to stay along the way. Ma and Pa finally ended up stopping at Ken and Carla's. They

were wonderful hosts. Pa's still talking about her chicken. Ma and Pa enjoyed their brief stay. Crossing the boarder was easier than they expected. A brief visit to the falls and they were off to Bars' domain in Hamilton. You wouldn't believe the narrow alley way that Pa backed into. Ma started to relax and every one had a good time. They took a short tour of the shops and local neighborhood. Pa truly enjoyed walking through an antique shop with many items he could identify with. Later, Bars lead the way to Van Fest. They passed some beautiful homes. Ma kept commenting on the different textures that were used in building. She was surprised by the amount of farms. The farmers were just getting their corn in. The soy had blooms on and what looked to be alfalfa or some other grain looked almost ready to harvest. This part of Canada has the most population. Ma said, "With all this beauty it is no wonder." Pa just had his eyes glued to Bars and the road. Springwater Conservatory is just as beautiful as the rest of the country side. It is a man-made lake with a lot of wooded area around it, that has a campground and Picnic area carved into it. Ma wished her grandkids could play there. They would really enjoy exploring the trails and all that play equipment. Ma and Pa were parked just behind the band. When they went for a walk they saw a lot of show vehicles besides vans. Gordon explained that by allowing all vans and trucks they are able to have the largest truck show in Canada. So by being more versatile Canadian vanners can still have some killer events. During that walk Ma said "Look there is another Airstream!" They started heading to see who had an airstream and introduce themselves, only to realize they



had walked in a big circle and were back at their own camp. The band arrived late, had to quit early and the movie took about an hour to show, so

they only played a few songs. Meanwhile, the vanners did what they do best roam about telling stories and greeting new and old friends. Ma spent most of the evening at the fire because the temperature was cold enough to see your breath. Saturday, there were about 200 vans and trucks in the show. It was impressive. Pa was glad they didn't have to help judge. High at Night Vans celebrated their 30th anniversary with a garden party. The members were very creative with their decorations. After another night of story telling and warming by the fire Ma and Pa bid their friends adieu.

The next morning Ma and Pa began their trip back to the USA. They stopped early on Father's day So Ma could take Pa the Lazy Loon, a nice restaurant for a fish dinner. Ken and Carla offered Ma and Pa a stopping place when they returned to the States. So Monday found them all in Niagara Falls, NY finishing leftovers and exchanging stories about the week-end.

On the road again, Ma and Pa stopped at several beautiful campgrounds, before arriving at Doc Sousa in Hopevalley, RI. Doc took Ma and Pa to a vanner party/primitive campout at Boats house. They had a great time and met new friends.

Boat made a large game of Jenga, which was a huge success. Ma hung around the huge fire pit a lot while Pa hung out at the van/bar. Doc and Dee took Ma and Pa to some quaint shops and a marina. They also spent a day at Beavertail Lighthouse and park at Jamestown RI, which overlooks a rock cliff.



Pa kept smirking – something about beaver but Ma just ignored him. Somethings are best left alone. The water was so clear and there were thousands of mussels all over the rocks. They couldn't resist the urge to climb down on the rocks to water level. There was also a WW II lookout which was interesting. Doc told Ma and Pa the history of the



area especially about how the area was settled and about the look-out. While Doc was at work, Ma and Pa toured the U.S.S. Nautilus. Afterwards, they

went to Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park and went up 268 steps in a tower overlooking the Fort and dedicated to the men who died there fighting for their country. Ma and Pa were hungry after all that climbing and walking so they stopped at an out of the way (way out of the way) eating house for lobster. They ate as the sailboats sailed in and out of the marina. This place was easier to get to by boat than van.



After a day of rest Ma and Pa headed to Southington, Conn. For the New England Van Council van-in/ show/ meeting eVANt. There were about 30 Vans who stayed for the whole week-end. And about 15 more who just came for the meeting. There was a fire every night, and a 6 piece band called 8-40 on Saturday.



Otherwise it was just like any other eVANt. Friends greeting friends discussing what happened since they last met, dancing, swaying to the music. Saturday afternoon was the van show, and meeting. Ma and Pa had a good time talking to old and new friends. Pa won one of many door prizes. It was nice to see Denise and Larry again. Ma and Pa met them last winter in Florida. They exchanged info, so they could keep in touch, before saying "See ya later!"

Ma and Pa spent the night at Doc's again. Then, headed north to Astro's.

Agnes & Six Pack

Better than a Flu Shot!

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea... As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated. Of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?

Pointing to the bowl. 'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful?

I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease.

Do you know... I haven't had the flu all winter.

Vanners for Vanners

The Party Never Ends 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

Name: _____

Phone #/email: _____

Adults: _____ Kids: _____

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FL 33774 rtwvan@tampabay.rr.com

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2014

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 Burro 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 4snymph@comcast.net
12-14	RI	Jungle Smut by Smut Truckers at Tavern on the Hill Greenwich, RI \$25. van and 2 people \$30 van w/trailer, extra people \$5. Call Joe and Marty Lout for more info 401-828-1338
19-21	WI	Oktoberfest Truckin-in by Bar City vans. Bring can goods to fill the van for the local food pantries. La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds West Salem, WI Pre-reg by 9/8 \$40. van and 2 adults, gate \$45/ trailers \$10 extra people \$10. send to Bar City Vans N2798 Gabers Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 info call Dee 608-785-1571
18-21	PA	Keystone Madness by Performance, (the eVANT does not start until Thursday 9/14. . at Schuylkill county Fairgrounds, Summit Station PA pre reg by 9/1 \$35.extra people \$10. trailers \$15. 1 free club trailer. Performance Inc. PO Box 815 Pottstown, PA 19464 Chas 610-469-0604
25-28	MA	Vanished III and New England Van Council meeting at Holland Rd. Brimfield MA van and 2 people \$35 extras \$10. campers \$10. pre-reg by 9/15 \$30.send to Justin Deroches/The Vanished 137 Eastford Rd. apt 2 Southbridge MA 01550

October

3-5	NC	GSVR X hosted by the Southeast Van Council at Flaming Arrow Campground (1-877-497-6161) Reserve with the campground by 9/1 \$25. per night, full hook up \$35.. After 9/1 tent site/electric \$30 full hook up \$40 extra people \$5.Call after 2/1/14 Music, pot luck dinner, parade through Cherokee, NC, and an awards ceremony more info as available Click Here for Flier
9-13	RI	Summers End Party at Dock and Dee's playground 189 Fennerhill Rd., Hope Valley RI Call Doc and Dee for more info 401-575-7742 pot luck
10-12	WI	A Howling Van-Pir-te #20 by Hy-Rollin Vans Walworth County Fairgrounds Elkhorn WI Pre reg by 10/1/14 \$40. gate \$45. includes van and 2 adults and children under 17 Sleeping trailers \$15. extra people over 17 \$10.send to Hy-Rollin Vans c/o Taz 12866 W. Country Club Ave/ Waukegan, IL 60087 info call Taz 847-560-5147 e-mail Hyrollin@gmail.com
17-19	MO	Hoavac's Monster Havoc #36 at Eagleridge R.V Park 22708 W. 182th St. Eagleville, MO pre-reg by 10/1 \$35. van and 2 adults. gate \$40. extra adults \$HOAVC c/o Patti Weber 8649 N. Hull Kansas City MO 64154 info Patti 513-260-9803
17-19	NH	Frostbite Frolics hosted by Chair City Truckers and all 4 wheel drive vans. Stateline Campground RT 12 South 850 Winchendon RD, Fitzwilliam NH \$25 gate and \$10 trailers. form ore info call Barry Wichman 978-630-1154
24-25	FL	Florida Van Council Truck-in at Sunshine Key Campground 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 SpookyTooth for info 954-695-5786

November		
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 payable 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 from hotel
7-9	CA	Dazed and Confused 11. by Wheels of Confusion Vans Vail Lake Resort 38000 Hwy 78 South Temecula CA this is a primitive event for info call Jerry 714-805-4370 or Sluggo 714-737-8408 pre-reg \$55.00 and 1 Six pack Gate \$65.00 and a six pack if you don't bring the 6 pack donate and extra \$5. extra adults \$10 motor homes \$10 extra. send to PO Box 10691 Santa Ana, CA 92711 or pay via PayPal@ Wheelsofconfusionvanclub@hotmail.com T-shirts \$20.00 state size
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
13-16	FL	Zephyrhills Vanarama details to be announced as available
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		
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
2015		
January		
February		
12-14	CO	Council of Councils Meeting - Denver - Colorado Van Council - http://www.cofc2015.com/ Do NOT call the 800 number nor register online for hotel reservations. Call 303-373-1444 and ask for the Colorado Van Council rate.
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Club – If you are not a member of a club write “independent”

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

- 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.

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