

# FVC Newsletter



# January 2015

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## **Next FVC meeting/ eVANT**

**Date:** January 17th , 2015

**Time:** 12:00

**Cost:** \$20 per night for camping (approx.)

**Place:** Sun 'n Fun

Lakeland Linder Airport KLAL

4175 Medulla Road

Lakeland, FL 33811

863-644-2431



### **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. Old Business, (*Summit event registration as group*)
5. New Business
6. Van-in proposals
7. Van-in updates
8. 2015 FVC meeting schedule
9. Possibility of Nationals event at Sun 'n Fun
10. 50/50 – Adjournment

**On the Cover:** Vanning in the Florida Keys 2014



*Florida Van Council presents*  
***Vanners in the Forest***  
*River Forest Group Camping Site, Deland FL*  
***February 20 - 22, 2015***

Pre-Reg \$40.00 before January 20, 2015. \$45.00 at gate  
2 Adults, Kids under 16 free. Additional adults \$5.00 ea.

**Friday Night:** Chili Cook off or Soup (for those who don't like Chili)

**Saturday Evening:** Covered Dish Dinner

We'll provide hamburgers and hot dogs. You bring a side dish

If you want to bring your own meat, we'll cook it for you

Judith will be silk-screening the FVC logo at this event.

Bring your own t-shirt, bandana, or whatever other item of clothing you want screened. She has white ink and dark blue ink so she can screen dark or light colored clothing. \$2 per item of clothing to cover cost of materials.

## **Gate Opens At 3:00 PM Friday**

**GPS Info.** (Latitude,  
Longitude):

29.01287, -81.39076

29°0'46"N, 81°23'27"W

[Map link to Campground entrance](#)

From Deland, Florida, drive west on State Route 44 to the first intersection after crossing the St. Johns River. Turn right on County Road 42, and the entrance to the campground is on the right.

**Make checks payable to the FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL c/o Linard Morris 12931 S.W. 10<sup>th</sup>. Ct. Davie, Florida 33325 e-mail [morr465@bellsouth.net](mailto:morr465@bellsouth.net)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release Florida Van Council and its members from any and all responsibility for injuries, theft or damages which might occur to me, my family, attending guests, vehicles and property. I will be responsible for persons entering with me. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign this release. Florida Van Council reserves the right to refuse entry to this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the November 15, 2014 meeting at the Zephyrhills Auto Auction and Vanarama in Pasco County are as follows:

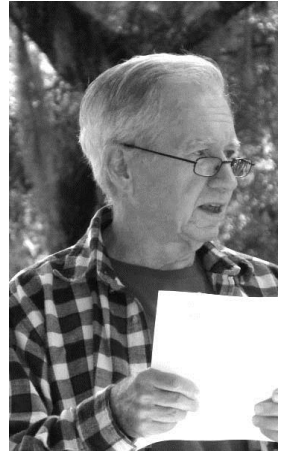
Rich called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 30, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

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

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Linard gave the Treasurer's report. Linard noted that it has been quite some time since we donated to our designated charity, Meals on Wheels. A motion by Lew (seconded by Judith) that the FVC donate \$1000 to Meals on Wheels was passed by unanimous hand vote to a round of applause. Linard noted that the \$1000 would be divided up and donated to the respective local Meals on Wheels where our members live.



## **NEWSLETTER REPORT:**

Gnarly noted that he can't tell us the deadline for inputs to the next issue of the newsletter since, at this time, we haven't decided the date of the first meeting in 2015.

FVC welcomed the Southeast Van Council (SEVC) to the meeting.

## **MEETING DATES FOR 2015:**

Secretary's note: At the time of the meeting the date for the first meeting of 2015 was not known. The date of January 17 was determined at a meeting of selected FVC members at the Sun 'n Fun location on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

January 17	Sun 'n Fun Campground area - Adjacent to the Lakeland - Linder airport (KLAL), near the end of Runway 23
February 21	River Forest Group Camping Site - Ocala National Forest - Near Deland

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Joe Madonia noted that he made a limited number of commemorative dash plaques for those who attended this auto show last November.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe said he will make a limited number of commemorative dash plaques for those who attended this auto show.

Lew noted that this Carlisle Auto Show event will be held on November 12 - 15 at Sun 'n Fun next year. Sun 'n Fun is adjacent to the Lakeland - Linder regional airport (KLAL) in Lakeland, FL.

Mark Sydney, of Summit Racing Equipment, gave the group a short talk about the Atlanta Motorama ([atlantamotorama.com](http://atlantamotorama.com)) to be held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway April 18-19, 2015. The Atlanta Motor Speedway is a NASCAR track, located about 80 miles South of Atlanta. There are a lot of activities, such as lawn mower races, Pinstriper Panel Jam, Tear Down and Rebuild Engine contest, Salon Cars, like an old Duesenberg, and more. Lots of cash and prizes.

Car clubs get special consideration. FVC would classify as a car club. We would have to register all together. They don't accept club entries coming in one at a time. Each club has a designated area, gets preferred parking and get awards, like trophies we might want to give out. For example, 5 – 9 cars pre-registered will receive 2 awards. Clubs must have 5 or more cars pre-registered. \$35 registration for Saturday through Sunday. Registrants will have an opportunity to drive around the NASCAR track.

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

West Coast Vanners January 2 - 4, 2015 – Escape to the Country for New Years "Vanner Style". 12251 S.E. 66 th Place, Morriston, FL 32668, 352-489-6479. Contact Richard Chester. \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Saturday Pot Luck Supper - Bring a covered dish.

GSVR XI October 2 - 4, 2015 – Flaming Arrow Campground, just south of Cherokee, NC. Hosted by the Southeast Van Council (SEVC). This event will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the SEVC.

Florida Van Council October 30 – November 1, 2015 – A motion by Spookytooth (seconded by Lori) that the FVC sponsor this event at Sunshine Key Campground in the Florida Keys was carried by a unanimous hand vote.

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

Council of Councils February 12 - 14, 2015 – Hosted by Colorado Van Council – Denver, Colorado. 19 rooms left. They will attempt to have a van show, weather permitting. It does snow in Denver in February.

Vanners for Vanners February 20 - 22, 2015 – River Forest Group Camping Site in the Ocala National Forest, near Deland. Randy Connell told the group that the event has been cancelled. He said that there had been a serious lack of interest as indicated by the fact that, as of this meeting, there had been no pre-registrations at all. In the past there was enough money to cover getting the food in advance and the other things that have to be paid for "up front" but not now. He noted that this has been a "good run" for 16 years, but it's time to shut the event down. He said that he would be glad to assist anyone, or any group, that wanted to put on a similar event at that time of the year.

At this point, a motion by Gnarly (seconded by Leslie) that the FVC take over and put on an event in that time frame was passed, to a round of applause, by a unanimous hand vote. Randy C. will get the necessary information to Linard for FVC to take over the campground for the February weekend. Then, Linard will reimburse Randy for the deposit on the campground and FVC will be hosting the event. It is anticipated that the event will be modified to be a potluck event, somewhat similar to the November FVC meeting.

ForePlay May 1 - 3, 2015 – Beverly Beach Camptown, Flagler Beach, FL - Magoo said everything is on schedule. No flier is available at this time.

Judith July 8 - 12, 2015 – 43rd National Truck-in - Altamaont, Illinois – A motion by Lew Skoko that the FVC sponsor a \$40 trophy for the event was carried by a unanimous hand vote.

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

Nominations for FVC Officers for 2015 were re-opened. The following nominations were made:

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Nomination</u></b>
President:	Rich Leslie
Vice-President:	Rich Leslie
Treasurer:	Linard
Newsletter Editor:	Gnarly
Van Judge:	Dan'o Joe Van

### **Ballots were cast, and Linard counted the votes.**

#### **The FVC officers for 2015 are:**

President: Leslie Stanziani  
Vice-President: Richard Kleszczynski  
Secretary: John Cunningham  
Treasurer: Linard Morris  
FVC Newsletter Editor: Gnarly  
Van Judge: Dan'o

At this point in the meeting Magoo gave Judith a pair of glasses so she wouldn't hit any more parked fire trucks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

# FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

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Glen

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### 10 Relentless Vanner

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### 12 West Coast Vans

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### 13 Vans of Ft. Liguordale, Ltd.

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### 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Truckers

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North Miami, FL 33181  
Chet Molnar (305) 498-7077

### 15 Independents

## FVC President



I hope the holidays were good to all and the new year brings the start of only positive things. I for one am ready for a fresh start and glad 2014 is in the past.

I wanted to thank you all for your support and confidence in me. Thank you for electing me as President of the FVC. I will try my best to live up to the legacy the past officers have set forth. I also wanted to thank Ritchie for his guidance as President last year.

I want us all to work together this year to promote Vanning and support one another. As a whole unit we can accomplish so much more. I am looking forward to West Coast Vanners at Chester's and the the meeting in Lakeland. We already have quite a few events scheduled with more to come. I hope to see you all soon.

Leslie

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### **From the Editor...**



It was nice to get Captains Quarters out to a show for the Vanarama, and our usual up and down weather in the keys kept us busy! R.I.P. Dewey. You'll be missed.

I am looking at a busy year in 2015! Full of adventure, fun, vanning, camping, sailing.. yes the usual for me and Mook. Some of our activities will overlap with some Vanning however, I do rearrange what I can as Vanning is still who I am.

I will be missing the January meeting however & I want everyone to know I support the decisions made by my fellow vanner. I will also do what I can to help and support vanning. I do indeed have other activities that prevent me of making vanning full time. Perhaps it is in my future...just not yet.

Gnarly



Hello Vanner's,

We just wanted to say what a "GREAT" time we had at Vanorama at Zephorhills FL. The Idea came up a little over 2 years ago to host a vanning event at a large Car Show / Swap Meet... I agreed right away because a lot of my local Car Show friends witch many of them use to own Vans are showing interest in Vanning again, most everyone agreed..!!!!... Some did not & we heard comments like we will be wasting our time..!!!!.. We won't get any new van members at a car show..!!!!.. Well those comments could not be more "Wrong" the first year went really well, we were the center of attention at the fairgrounds... I had a couple of members from Vintage Vans show up, there was 16 vans. We had a great time and a ton of fun at the campgrounds and promised to do it again next year..!!!!...



Well the year flew by and we were at Vanorama at Zephorhills again the word got out and I could not believe the turnout, people came out of the wood work we had 29 Vans there and 6 members from Vintage Vans also show up which I think they all wound up joining the Florida Van Council along with a lot of fliers being passed out and us being invited to a Large show in Georgia hosted by "Summit Racing"..!!!..

The party at the camp grounds was one of the best events I have been to in years..!!!!.. Two of my friends Troy and Ed from VV parked with us and Blue Lemon, they live in Tampa and did not know of all these van events that were put on locally by us. We had a blast, a TON of great food, and Spooky finally bought the van he has been eyeing for quite some time now....

I can't say enough how much fun we had and got the word out to the public that Vanning is Alive and Well..!!!!..I want to thank Jim (Blue Lemon) for setting everything up, and for everyone that showed up...I cant wait to do it again next year with everyone talking about a bigger turnout in Lake Land Fl... But I will say its going to be tough to beat the "Great Time" we had this year..!!!!.

Joe Van & C-Van...

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YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

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Car Clubs must have five or more cars pre-registered to receive preferred parking & special club awards. Clubs will receive the following number of awards for Club Presidents or Representatives to pick recipients from among attendees:

- 5-9 cars pre-registered will receive 2 awards
- 10-19 cars pre-registered will receive 3 awards
- 20+ cars pre-registered will receive 4 awards

#### RULES:

- Club registrations must be submitted together
- Please designate one member to be the contact person from your club
- Entry fees can be submitted individually or by one payment but they must accompany registration forms
- One form per vehicle
- "For Sale" vehicles will not be allowed in the show area
- Golf carts are not permitted on property

Make checks payable to Atlanta Motor Speedway. Mail all checks and forms to:  
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Pre-register by March 16, 2015 and pay only \$35 per vehicle.  
Registration after March 16, 2015 and on-site is \$50 per vehicle.

This is a 1999 Chevy Astro better known as “Slammin Astro”.



The van began its days as a V6 passenger van and now the van has a 1998 LS1 engine paired with the 4L60e automatic transmission. All the power goes to a custom 4 link Ford 9" rear with 3.56 gearing. The van has an air ride suspension with front and rear Firestone bags, two Viair compressors and three 5 gallon air tanks. Each wheel has its own control valve and is controlled by a Dakota air management system.

The van's 100"x48" canvas top opens up nice and wide for that convertible car feel and gives a nice view of the night sky at the vannins. The interior of the van was gutted, swivel seats were installed up front, and laminate wood flooring was installed along with a sofa bed in the rear. The gray interior is now a mix of black and plaid materials with future changes in store. The audio system is nothing too special. There is a 7" touch screen DVD head unit with a 27" rear television and a few speakers here and there. Everything in the van is powered by a pair of batteries that were relocated just under the wood flooring behind the passenger's seat.

Slammin Astro is a very interesting ride that makes getting to the vannins as much an adventure as the vannins themselves. Future plans include a permanent rear bed with much more storage available underneath as well as some interior enhancements to give it a more custom look on the inside to match the craziness outside. As with all our vans. They are never really "finished"

# ***“Slammin Astro”***





# Vanarama at Zephyrhills Autofest 2014



## FVC Treasurer

Hi Vanner's and everybody else in the world that is reading this! The year is over and time to start 2015. We finished 2014 with another great weekend at Sunshine Key. It was a little breezy but no rain for the weekend at least after Thursday. We had the commitment ceremony of Richie and Lauri with a fabulous fly over of an old USA bomber and slow moving jet. What was that all about? We had a good turn out and made money. Too bad the bridges were closed off for fishing; I brought my fishing poles and didn't even get a chance to get them wet except for when it rained on Thursday. I heard Spooky Tooth has got the contract for next year already, so save the dates October 30-31 .



November's meeting was different having it at the car show. We had lots of people for the council meeting which was nice. Somebody said there were 23 vans there I believe. It would be nice to see that at every meeting. The campground was great with the bath house in the middle and plenty of trees for shade and the weather was great. I wish I would have taken advantage of the free tram rides to explore the park. The pig roast Saturday night was full of good eats as usually. We had a big crowd and everybody left full. I hear the raccoons had desert(s) also. Richie and I took my garbage for a walk around the campground Saturday night, it sure does get dark there. It was a lovely walk! I guess it came out ok having the meeting there.

Congratulations to the new officers Leslie our president and VP Richie and Joe Van as van judge. I am sorry Vanners for Vanners was canceled, but I can understand why. Pre-reg is an important part of any truck in. So the council will be taking over the eVant. It may not be as relaxing but we will have fun. So bring a covered dish for Saturday night. Friday night bring your best soup for everybody to enjoy and PRE-REG now. We need a head count for Saturday night. Breakfast will be on you.

The next meeting is January 17 in Lakeland at the Sun n Fun campground. Lew and Judith and John went and checked out the grounds for a possible Nat's. We need everybody's input on this. It won't be easy, but it would be fun. Just think of all the times you have been at a national's and enjoyed your self. Now is the pay back for all those times. How many people from up north will come down in July is the big question. So come to the meeting and give us your input. I will see you there. I think Lew said the campground there is charging

400.00 for the weekend (unless Lew can work his magic). So the more vans we have the cheaper the weekend. Dues are due also.

Broward Chapter So. Fl. Vans had their first Christmas party down South in forever!! We had forgotten how much work it is to pull off a party. A BIG THANKS to Lew and Ag for arriving early and helping decorate the tree, get the lights on the house and the canopy. (even though the balls were not hanging uniformly).. We fed 23 people including Linard and I. Pulled pork, Black beans, yellow rice, Island Meatballs and Dips and chips, deviled eggs, (oh Boy did we pay for them). All in all it was a great evening with Lew & Ag, Chet, Maggie & Rich, Music Man, Smokey and Beverly, Pam's family, Linard's former boss and wife & co-workers who struck up the Karaoke and kept the night rollin' on. Lew and Ag and Pam were feeling no pain Friday evening either....."I Love that song'!!!! It's my favorite one'!!!!'.I love Sambuca'!!!!...Love you Lew & Ag's..... PINK PANTY PULL DOWNS!!.....

Thank you everyone....we had a fantastic evening!

Last but not least, Broward is working on a weekend at Sidewinder's. We are looking around March 24. More details to come at the council meeting. See you soon,

Linard

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### **\*\*\* THIS JUST IN \*\*\***

We have a new location for our January meeting called Sun N Fun. Located in Lakeland Linder Airfield. There will be a fee charged for our use of the facilities. We can divide the cost among those who camp Friday and Saturday. Hopefully, it should come to about \$20 per night depending on the number who camp.

This is the location of the next Carlise Van a Rama show next November. Also possible site for a future eVANt. Please come to discuss possibilities. It is located in an oak hammock. The grounds are beautiful. We will be camping near the stage.

This has been an amazing year for us. We began 2014 with a visit from Lew's Dad and brother. After Beverly Beach, we headed North. We spent some time in Pittsburgh visiting family. We also visited with our extended family in New York, New Hampshire, Maine and surrounding areas. We ventured into Canada for Van Fest in Ontario. Then all the way up to the Bay of Fundy, where the tide changes 35 feet. We also visited Bar Harbor, Cadillac Mountain, Arthusia Falls, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, where hurricane Author caught up to us and sent us back to the states.



After spending four months traveling around seeing this beautiful area, we returned home for Mook and Randy's unique wedding. It was perfect for them. They wrote their own vows and made this wedding very special for all who attended. Even the dolphin participated putting on a beautiful aerial show. Luke took a picture of a dolphin jumping over Mook and Randy's head as they posed in front of a beautiful sunset. I am so glad we were invited.

At the end of October, we found ourselves in The Keys. We had a bit of rain but not enough to spoil our fun. We went to Key West for a day, and of course our traditional dinner at No Name Pub with Spookey tooth and Maggie. Richie and Lori shared their own vows in a unique ceremony on the beach. Lew and I introduced a new game we learned at Butler. Everyone had a good time playing. Unfortunately just before we left a dear friend who was always there to help had a motorcycle accident while running to the store for bread. This cost Dewy his life. He will be missed, when we return to Sunshine RV resort. We were all saddened as we headed home.

The Pig roast/van show/council meeting was a good time. I was pleasantly surprised by all the vans that showed up at the show. After spending Saturday at the show, we had a delicious meal at the campground, followed by an evening of sitting around the campfire. Thank you Blue Lemon for all your efforts coordinating with Carlisle. Next year, we will have a new location for this eVANt. Our January meeting will be held here. Come and join the discussion for Sun n Fun.

By time you read this Broward's Christmas party will be a thing of the past. We are getting ready to attend now. This years eVANt will be held at Linard and Pam's house. The next weekend we will be having our Christmas party for the kids. Santa always takes some time from his busy schedule to visit for a bit. Coastal always has a party this time of too.

I can't believe Thanksgiving is over. I am thankful for all my family and friends who make life worthwhile. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Agnes



## Vanning Around the World

Please send all flyers: Judith Pilon 817 Wildabon Ave. Lake Wales, FL or e-mail.

[Judpilon@aol.com](mailto:Judpilon@aol.com) or 407-484-2234

### January 2015

2 - 4	FL	Happy New Year by West Coast Vanners Escape to the country for New Years vanner style Pot luck Saturday. Cost \$10. per person Location Richard Chester 12251 SE 66th Pl Morriston FL call 352-489-6479 Make check to Richard Chester and mail in or call so he has an idea of who is coming. <a href="#">Click here for flier front.</a> <a href="#">Click here for flier back.</a>
16-18	VA	Freeze Out 2015 by Free Bird Vanners. at Rockahock Campground 1428 Outpost Rd. Lenexa VA <a href="http://www.Rockahock.com">www.Rockahock.com</a> Full hook ups, Saturday night pot luck dinner, van show etc. Some cabins may be available If you rent a cabin it is still a \$10. per person fee. pre reg \$45. per van and 2 people, \$10. extra person charge. Early arrivals on Thursday \$15. per van and two people extra people \$10. Call Paintbruch at 804-288-6634 or Melody at 840-828-3995 for more info

### February

7-8	IL	Vanatics 40th Groundhog Party at the Magnuson Grand Hotel 19067 West Frontage Rd. Raymond, IL Call the hotel at 217-324-2100 to make your reservations. The Vanatics birthday... Rooms are \$74.50 plus tax per night, \$15 a night for pets. party prices are, \$20 a person for Friday & Saturday, \$15 a person Saturday night only. No outside alcohol containers allowed outside your room, Solo cups will be available to all attendees at the hospitality room. Pets must be kept on leashes and kept confined to guest room. No excessive barking. We will also be hosting the second annual Fast Eddie's Bus Run Saturday, there will be free beer on the bus while in motion There will be free beer music and games by the pool Friday evening. Saturday evening will feature live music with free beer, munchies, games and of course birthday cake in the main Banquet room. The Bus trip to Fast Eddies is \$20 per person call Daren Bentley at 217-652-6968 or <a href="mailto:Vanatics@charter.net">Vanatics@charter.net</a> for more info. or see them on facebook
12-14	CO	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. See the Council of Councils Facebook page for all the details If you are representing a council you must fill out the forms that you will find there. Lots of fun things will be happening so check it out
20-22	FL	Florida Van Council presents " <a href="#">Vanners in the Forest</a> " <a href="#">River Forest Group Camping Site</a> (near Deland) - Ocala National Forest - pre-reg \$40. by 1/20/2015 after and gate \$45. 2 adults. and kids under 16. additional adults \$5. Friday night Chili Cook and Soup Cook off. Saturday night Pot Luck we will provide burger and hot dogs you bring a covered dish If you need a new FVC t-shirt we will be printing at the event. we have white or dark blue ink so make sure you bring a shirt that those colors will work on. There is a \$2.00 charge for each print. <b>Gates open 3 PM on Friday.</b> Make checks payable to Florida Van Council and send to Linard Morris at 12931 S W 10th Ct, Davie FL <a href="#">Click Here for Flier</a> <a href="#">Click Here for Map Link and Directions</a> <b>GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 29.01287, -81.39076 or 29°0'46"N, 81°23'27"W</b>

March		
April		
10-12	NV	The Cove a Free Campout. off highway 163 the Christmas Tree pass Needles Highway. whats for signs. games 50/50. lots of fun call Billo 928-201-2001 or Michelle 702-885-6139 for exact info.
12	FL	20th Die cast Toy Show. Tampa Bay's Largest one Day Die Cast Show Port Richey FI Table rentals and other info contact Joe and Bonnie Madonia 12101 Chuck Circle Hudson , FL 34669 or 727-863-7033 or <a href="mailto:Surferjo2@aol.com">Surferjo2@aol.com</a>
18-19	GA	Summit Atlanta Motorama. Come drive you Van on the track at the Atlanta motor speedway. Van will park together. see atlantamotorama.com for more details.
24-26	PA	The Thaw at Gratz Fairgrounds Children's and Adult Games, Live Band(s), Vendors Row, Dash Plaques, Trophies, Van Show, Night Light Show and Sound Off, Gates Open at Noon on April 24, 2015 and Grounds Must Be Cleared By Sunday April 26 @ 11:00AMNO EARLY ARRIVALS—NO EXEPTIONS Pre-Registration Deadline April 10, 2015 Registration Fees: \$35.00 Van and 2 people \$10.00 Each Additional Person Under 16 Free At the Gate Registration: \$40-Van and 2 People Campers up to 16' \$20. Over 16' \$25 All Motorhomes \$75 pre-reg. \$85 at the Gate
May		
1-3	FL	Riding the Storm Out - Beverly Beach Camptown by Fore Play Vanners. \$55 prereg \$60 gate. Travel Trailers and Motorhomes \$35 extra. Food, Music, Games, Van Show. Shogun 3868041063 or Magoo 8132679794. Pre-reg deadline 4/17/15; Make checks payable to: BRUCE HARTMAN, 3701 SOUTHVIEW DR,BRANDON,FL 33511
8-10	OH	Spring Back hosted by Vans on the Run
15-17	MO	Spring Fever 38 Yabba Van-a Doo! The Flintstones at Down Under Camp Resort Turney MO Spam Cook off. Costume Contest Games, van show, free beer. great bands. \$40. pre reg by 5/1 gate \$45. trailers \$10. extra. club trailers free. \$10 for more than two adults in van early arrivals \$15. per day Contact Don at <a href="mailto:Dnooner@aol.com">Dnooner@aol.com</a> or 913-486-8866 or Patti @ <a href="mailto:vanrpatti@gmail.com">vanrpatti@gmail.com</a> 513-260-9803 mail pre reg to 8649 N. Hull Kansas City, MO 64154
15-17	Canada	Quebec Van Show Star wars. Cabane A Sucre Bertrand 9500Cotes des anges, Mirabel, J7N2W2 <a href="http://www.cabaneasucrebertrand.com">www.cabaneasucrebertrand.com</a> Wolf 514-699-2022 pre reg \$50. 2 persons and van extras over 16 \$10. 1 breakfast per adult included for Monday morning . happy hour Saturday. bring alcohol and munchies.
22-26	WA	Poison Ivy vans with NWVC presents a Blast from the Past Van Run campout. at Chelan County Fairgrounds 5700 Westcott Dr. Cashmere, WA Costume Contest, Potluck Saturday, Games \$20. plus a can of food per person. under 18 free RV hookup \$15. extra for the weekend Call Woody 509-426-8866 or Polock 509-961-6433
23-25	IL	Mid West Vans Rolling Hills Campground 3151 County Road 2800 E Penfield IL for more info Call Wood at 708-359-3274 or Game at 219-405-5994

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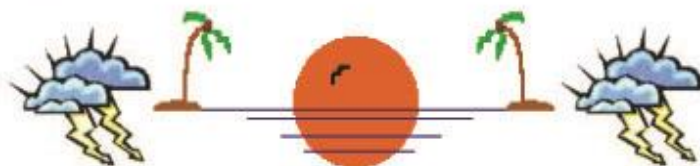
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## June

19-21	Canada	<p>VanFest #20. Canada's largest Custom Van and Truck show. SpringWater Conservation area Aylmer Ontario Canada. Sponsored by California Carsmetics, Sport Truck &amp; Auto Accessories, Aylmer Tire Craft, Black Tie Gala Event the Show is on Saturday and you must be registered and in the show field by 10 am. Top 145 awards given for vans and trucks. gates open Friday at 10 am. Saturday show classifications start at 8:30am. Awards at 6:30 Bright and shine on Saturday night. Show only \$30. no Camping. Show and Camping \$55. for vehicle and 2 persons. Sleeping trailers \$15. extra persons \$10. each. Send to Vanfest @ 23254 Highbury Ave N. RR4 Benfield Ontario Canada N0M1P0 Check us out at <a href="http://www.vannin.com/vanfest/">www.vannin.com/vanfest/</a> or like us on Face book. more info call Kevin at 1-519-225-2969 or Stacey at 1-905-979-7492</p>
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## July

8-12	IL	<p>The 43rd Van Nationals at Altamont, IL. hosted by Hard Core Vanners. 722 E. Cumberland Rd. Altamont, IL just 11 miles west of I-57 and I-70 interchange at exit 82 on I-70. Pre-reg \$50. for a van and 2 people by 6/27, Gate \$65. camping Trailers \$10. Extra people 18 and up \$20. pre-camping \$10. per day per van and \$10. per day per camper. please bring school supplies and can goods in addition to the pre-reg. Covered barns rentals available, Vanners nite in , National Custom Van Show n Shine, bright and shine and burn out contest, vendors, vanner museum games for kids and adults, plenty of electric and water, goody bags and prizes, Public show n shine on Saturday. parking are set aside for RV's Make checks payable to Hard Core Vanners PO Box 192 Auburn, IL 62615, we accept Pay Pal email <a href="mailto:Hardcorevanner@gmail.com">Hardcorevanner@gmail.com</a> or Visit the web page <a href="http://43rdvannationals.com">http://43rdvannationals.com</a> for more info or call Darrin 217-652-6968 or Don 913- 486-8866 vendor info call Joe 727-863-7033</p>
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## August

21-23	OH	<p>Knightmare Wanderland. All Powered Up by Nightmare Vanners at Richland County Fairgrounds 340 Lantz Rd. Mansfield, OH Plenty of power and water. Vanner Flee Market Saturday, games Live bands in building with A/C show and shine on Sat. Food vendors. Makes checks to Amy Hill ,565 Townview Cr. Apt 4. Mansfield OH 44907 pre-reg by July 1 \$35.00 gate \$40. camping trailers \$20. extra nights \$10. info call Jeff 419-543-9093.</p>
14-15	NY	<p>Vanners in tequila by Western NY vanners. Orleans County fairground 12690 county Rd 31 Albion check out Diane Masters facebook page for more info</p>

## September

5-7	PA	<p>Butler 2015 by Three Rivers Vans at. Butler County Fairgrounds route 422-1127 New Castle Rd Prospect Pa, Pre reg deadline August 1st. Van and 2 people pre entry \$45.00-At the Gate-\$50.00 Camping trailer \$20.00 -Extra person in van (over 15)-\$15.00.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. Rock-N-Roll Every night. Water and electric, flush toilets and hot showers. Vans and Panels only</p>
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Southeast Van Council welcomes all Vanners to GSVR XI  
Reservations can be made by contacting Flaming Arrow  
Campground @ (877) 497-6161. Come enjoy live entertainment,  
Pot luck Friday night, show & shine, raffle, games, hot wheels  
races, shine contest bring your best for tasting table , catered dinner  
Sat. night, and an awards ceremony all in the heart of the Great  
Smokey Mountains...

Reservations by 9/1/15- tent site with elect. \$25- Rv site full \$35

Reservations after 9/1/15- tent site w/elect. \$30- Rv site full \$40

Flaming Arrow Campground

Southeast Van Council

283 Flaming Arrow Drive

[southeastvancouncil.com](http://southeastvancouncil.com)

Whittier, NC 28789

[southeastvancouncil on](#)

Toll free (877)497-6161

[facebook](#)

All prices per day 2 adults, ea. extra adult is \$5.00 per day

**When: October 2nd - 4th 2015**

**Where: Flaming Arrow Campground  
Cherokee N.C.**

17-20	PA	Keystone Madness 2015 by Performance, (the eVANt does not start until Thursday 9/17. 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 for more info contact Performance Inc. PO Box 815 Pottstown, PA 19464 or Chas 610-469-0604 or Dimples 610-850-1292 <a href="http://www.performanceinc.org">www.performanceinc.org</a>
<b>October</b>		
2-4	NC	GSVR 11, at Flaming Arrow Campground on Hwy 441 in Cherokee, NC. Hosted by the <a href="#">Southeast Van Council</a> Friday night potluck dinner, swap meet, show and shine and parade to town, first in and longest distance For more info contact: Jim at <a href="mailto:bluelemon72@hotmail.com">bluelemon72@hotmail.com</a> or see them on Facebook Southeast Van Council. <a href="#">Click here for flier</a>
30-11/1	FL	Florida Keys hosted by the Florida Van Council. more to come.
<b>November</b>		
12-15	FL	Auto fest at SUNnFUN site in Lakeland. by powered by Carlisle Events. Show and swap meet 4175 Medulla Rd. Lakeland.
14	FL	FVC meeting and pig roast at Auto Fest. more to come

The first question which you will ask and which I must try to answer is this, What is the use of climbing Mount Everest? and my answer must at once be, It is no use.

There is not the slightest prospect of any gain whatsoever. Oh, we may learn a little about the behavior of the human body at high altitudes, and possibly medical men may turn our observation to some account for the purposes of aviation. But otherwise nothing will come of it.

We shall not bring back a single bit of gold or silver, not a gem, nor any coal or iron.

We shall not find a single foot of earth that can be planted with crops to raise food. It's no use.

So, if you cannot understand that there is something in man which responds to the challenge of this mountain and goes out to meet it, that the struggle is the struggle of life itself upward and forever upward, then you won't see why we go.

What we get from this adventure is just sheer joy. And joy is, after all, the end of life. We do not live to eat and make money.

We eat and make money to be able to enjoy life. That is what life means and what life is for.

- George Mallory

# Florida Van Council

## Membership and newsletter application

Club – If you are not a member of a club write “independent”

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Name

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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!