

# FVC Newsletter



## November 2019

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## **Next FVC meeting & Agenda**

**Date:** November 16, 2019

**Time:** 12:00

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

**Place:** Floridian Sandalwood 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, 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 exit 22 turn right on Narcoossee Rd , turn right on Boggy Creek Rd. Floridian RV Resort will be on left.

**From East** – Take Hwy 192 West, turn right on Hwy 15, 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. Van-in updates
6. Van-in proposals
7. Old Business,
8. New Business – Open Discussion
9. Open nominations of officers for 2020
10. Election of officers for 2020
11. 50/50 Raffle

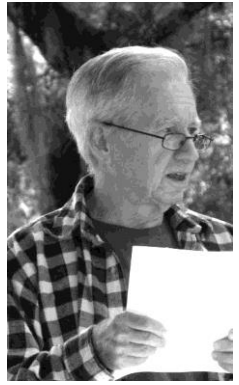
\*\*\* Leave it like we found it or better! \*\*\*

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

**December 15, 2019** - Next Newsletter deadline – **December 15, 2019**

***On the Cover:*** seen at the 2019 Van Nationals in New England

# **FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL**



Minutes of the June 15, 2019 meeting at Floridian Sandalwood RV Resort in St. Cloud, are as follows:

Minutes of the March 9, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Spooky Tooth called the meeting to order.

There were 9 clubs present and NO Excused Absence (out of 12 clubs total) during roll call.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mook gave the Treasurer's report, and noted that the proceeds of the dinner tonight will go to Meals on Wheels, the official FVC charity of the FVC. She also noted that her co-worker will match whatever we collect.

## **NEWSLETTER REPORT:**

Gnarly gate the newsletter report and gave thanks to Konehead for all the input he provided for this newsletter, especially the photos. Please be sure to send all your input to [news@floridavancouncil.com](mailto:news@floridavancouncil.com) and Gnarly will always give you a response. If you don't get a response, that means he didn't get the input. Deadline for inputs to the next newsletter is October 6.

Spooky Tooth noted that the directions to the meeting, given in the newsletter, need to be updated, the blinking light is now a regular traffic light. Cari noted gave another update to the meeting directions. The directions will be updated in the next issue of the newsletter.

## **VAN-IN UPDATES:**

Adventure Vans of FL August 30 - September 2, 2019 - Ross Prairie Trailhead & Campground - 10660 SW Hwy 200, Dunnellon, FL - Need a few more giveaways for goodie bags. Spooky Tooth said, "We're looking forward to it. Haven't had one like this in quite a while."

## **VAN-IN PROPOSALS:**

Broward March - No date set at this time.

## **MEETING DATES for the remainder of 2019:**

November 16	Floridian Sandalwood RV resort in St. Cloud - Lew noted that we need at least 10 vans to show up for the night to get a price break. This will be the election of officers for 2020 and the annual pig roast meeting.
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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Joe Van said we only need to have 3 FVC meetings a year. The first meeting in January, the second meeting in June, and the third meeting, which is the election of officers, in November. Mook said each meeting is a chance for us to get together, so we should leave it as is. Dan'o noted that, in the 21st century, we are migrating more and more to electronic communications so we don't need as many formal meetings. He said we keep up with each other via Posts on Facebook, and other electronic media to get information, pictures, etc. Spooky Tooth said he liked it the way it is, 4 meetings a year.

A motion by Cari to change the FVC by-laws to reflect that we only have 3 FVC meetings per year was passed by a hand vote of 12 FOR and 3 AGAINST.

## **Secretary's note:**

The FVC by-laws do **NOT** actually mandate a specific number of FVC meetings, however, logic requires that there must be at least ONE meeting per year, or the organization is, clearly, non-existent. Initially, there were 4 meetings per year, and then we decided to have 5 meetings a year. Subsequent to that, we decided to go back to 4 meetings a year. At no time did we ever change the FVC by-laws, or resolutions to dictate a minimum, or maximum number of meetings per year. And, in the opinion of the Secretary, fixing the number of meetings in the by-laws is just cluttering up said by-laws. The reasonable way to implement the intent of what was voted on is to simply add a new resolution. Resolutions can be made and implemented in a single meeting. By-law changes have always been proposed at one meeting, and then voted on at the subsequent meeting.

We have **archived** certain by-laws and resolutions that we no longer use, no longer make sense, or no longer apply. We did this, and continue to do this, for historical reference, so we don't have blank spaces in the by-laws or resolutions, which just cause unnecessary confusion.

The **ONLY** reference to be found regarding number of FVC meetings is ARCHIVED Resolution 7, shown below:

### **"7. September 20, 1980- archived 6-14-2014**

Resolution that proposals for sanctioned events for the first half of the year be made at the second meeting of the year preceding and voting be done at the third meeting. Proposals for sanctioned events for the second half of the year be made at the third meeting of the year preceding and voting be done at the fourth meeting."

While the archived resolution mentions 4 meetings, it does not require 4 meetings, and its primary intent is to define when proposals for sanctioned events need to be made.

The Secretary has concluded that the motion, as stated, cannot be implemented, as we can't change something that doesn't exist. Therefore, in the interest of not extending the FVC meetings with lengthy discussions on how to implement the intention of the will of the members, the following **NEW** resolution (Resolution 36) will be added to the FVC by-laws and resolutions, unless the membership disagrees at the next meeting, and the members wish to do something else.

**"36. June 15, 2019**

FVC will host only 3 scheduled meetings per year."

**End of Secretary's note:**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR FVC OFFICERS FOR 2020:**

Office	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Konehead	Bob	Panda Mark
Vice-President	Joe Van	Dave	Panda Mark
	Cari Patton	Mook	Gnarly
Secretary	No nominations - Scribe John is Secretary for life	One vanner noted that, eventually, we'll have to have the meetings at Scribe John's nursing home	
Treasurer	Mook	Cari Patton	Gnarly
Newsletter Editor	Gnarly		
Van Judge	Shawn Colligan	Just Ed	

Nominations were closed. They will be re-opened at the November 16 meeting, prior to the actual voting

When asked how many members were going to the Nats, 13 vanners raised their hands.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe John, Secretary

# FLORIDA VAN COUNCIL

## CLUB ROSTER — November 16th, 2019

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	<b>13 Independents</b>

## FVC President



Our vanning year is moving right along. Now we are in October. Since our last meeting on June 15th, we had a nice spaghetti dinner with a great turnout. We had three new members join the council. Next was the 47th Nats; the weather was nothing but rain on the way through PA and NY, but once we arrived in MA, the weather cleared up and was great the rest of the week. We enjoyed all of the bands every night and Florida had a great turnout. Next was Adventure's Evant at Ross Prairie but Mother Nature had other plans. Fortunately, they were able to secure another location and date for October. We'll hear more about it at the November Meeting.

Moving on from the hurricane, a number of FVC members made it to GSVR 15, another great time, the weather was perfect and if you have never been there, put it on your bucket list. Don't forget the November 16th Meeting will include elections and our annual Pig Roast. Hope to see a good attendance.

Van Safe  
Spooky Tooth

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## FVC Vice President



Dear FVC,

I have been having fun in Van Camp this month. Almost sad that Advanture Vans Labor Day weekend had to be rescheduled but very happy they were able to find a nice place so quickly. Way to go Advanture Vans for Columbus Day weekend instead. A very large time was had by all who were lucky enough to make it to Cherokee. GSVR-15 was another wonderful time in the woods on a mountain. We were finally able to climb Clingman's Dome to the top. Lots of fun and food and music and moonshine and did I mention fun? They broke last year's number by 20 vans. Woo hoo. Don't forget election of FVC officers and the Pig Roast, Nov 16. Come over on Friday night and enjoy the camp fire shenanigans. Nominations will be reopened at the FVC meeting, starting at noon. Please stay for the covered dish dinner at 5:30 pm. Pork will be served. Stay safe and love one another.

Cari Patton  
VP-Social Director

Hi Vanners

It's been a long hot summer! National's was a pleasant change in the weather. Lucky for us it cooled down before we got there. Cool at nights and not so hot during the day. We had a nice spot in the center of the harness track as long as you brought shade. Central location to everything, thanks Six Pack.



We started our trip and went to Dunnellon to drop Cooper off at the in-laws on Saturday. It sure was nice being dog less for two weeks. Cooper appreciated it. He didn't have to stay tied up all weekend. We were on the road Monday and made it to Greenville on Wednesday. I forgot how long it takes to drive 1200 miles. As you get older, you have to take a lot more breaks.

After leaving the grocery store and picking up everything we forgot to bring. We made it to the truck-in at 5 o'clock on Wednesday. I guess better late than never. We set up, hooked up and the party was on. It was nice to see Sidewinder at a National's again. Just strange not seeing 6 (or was it 10) cases of beer in his van. Well, things change and you get smarter as you age. Braham Bob even made it with Sidewinder to his first national's. We even had Dean show this year, he was our class clown. It sure is nice to be in one spot instead of driving for 8 hours. Florida had a good showing of vanners.

The bands were great and got better each night. They had lots of vendors and games to play. The van show was packed. I'm glad I didn't have to judge them. Looking at all the vans tells me vanning is not dead!! Thanks to the vanners that keep's this party going.



After the truck-in was over, we headed to NC to visit Pam's sister. We got there on Monday. Wednesday was off to the lake (boat) house for three days. It sure was great taking two weeks off from work. I can't wait to be like Six Pack!! Saturday we headed to Dunnellon to pick up the kid (Cooper). Sunday was home again, home again, jiggy jig jig (without the fat pig). I hope you made it to AdVanture's Vans eVant. We will see you at November's meeting. Don't forget to bring a covered dish (with something in it) for the meeting.

Keep it safe and live like its's your las day!.

Luv Linard and Pam



## Road Trips are Great!

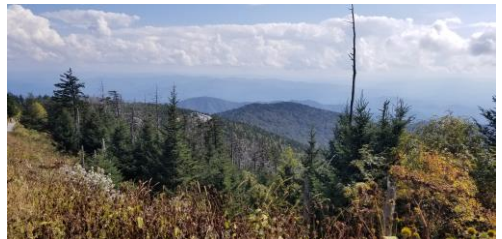


Nats trips are a great catalyst to enjoy what this great country has to offer. This year it appears many of us did just that, with some taking extra days before, and some taking extra days after, and then there is some that just spend the whole summer + travelling the Northern Hemisphere. To this I can only say – “WELL DONE”!

This year Mook & Gnarly headed North out of FLA tripped over the Blue Ridge Parkway a few days enjoying camping in the cool woods without having masses around. A visit to Mook’s sister in PA then led to a visit to our neighbor’s family summer lake house in New York State which was a beautiful property. Who knew there was such a thing as the Grand Canyon of the East?

### Letchworth State Park

A stop for a night in Vermont. Is there a straight road in both direction and elevation in this state? Vermont is as beautiful as I’ve heard with the folk there also as I’ve heard... A surprise trip to NHMS for the NASCAR Cup race, the coast of Maine, other parts of New England bringing some bad seafood and puking at the Front gate entering the Nats – Glad I missed your feet Kone! Good times, good thing we pulled in early as I was fine next day and don’t have the memories to prove it!! A very impressive turn out in the Van shows with some just incredible vans I’ve never seen before. I’m guessing anything out of New England is just too far to go. Within an Hour or 2 you can be anywhere within New England – It takes us a full day to get out of FLA!! I mean we have a State park pass for Georgia as we almost always stay coming and going, so why not?! I mean if you don’t travel, you are missing things like gas station frog legs, shops that will dress that deer while you eat boiled peanuts, and use heat and thermal underwear in July. On that note we had tank top weather on top of the mountain at GSVR where before it was a white out blizzard – so travel, expect the unexpected, that’s why we do it, get off the interstate and explore and meet the REAL America.



Gnarly – FVC Newsletter Editor

# Konehead's Travels:

Daytona August  
Car show & Flea  
Market ->



Hi guys and girls! Konehead here. What a summer it's been. After the meeting in June, picked up Vanborghini from body and paint shop, then called Dave who did the pinstripe for me at the natz in Florida. He took a ride over and hooked me up.

Had to do a little work on the motor home for the trip to the natz, left Friday morning the 19th to go to Jacksonville for the rolling stones concert, squirrel's brother hooked us up with tickets 20 rows from the stage! what a concert. had a small problem with the trailer carrying vanbourghini, the hitch pin fell out while driving, good thing I had the safety chains tight or it would have been a disaster! Next morning Bob/Dave and Glenda met us with a new hitch pin and we were on the road again. drove to union city, North Carolina. VANhoys campground, beautiful place and cheap (35.00). we were invited to dinner with the owner and had a great time!



Next morning, off to Hershey PA. got busted for open container by security, but she was cool!

Next day we drove to Greenfield mass for the natz, arrived and it was raining so we just chilled for the night. Next morning, the sun came out and it was time to party! saw soo many people I haven't seen in years! vanbourghini took 2nd place in its class. Josh from Orlando street vans took the flying eagle award with electric boogaloo. Panda, Oop and Wes all took trophies! nice job Florida! after leaving the natz, squirrel and I headed to

visit my sister in Boothbay harbor Maine for a couple days. Beautiful town and I got my fill of new England seafood. Then we took our time heading back to Florida, stopping in New York, Virginia and then Florida. It was a great trip!!!!

It was time to get ready for our run. The week of the run, a hurricane decided to give us a hassle. I called the campground and talked to the host, she said we will have to leave when a tropical storm warning is issued. We arrived Thurs afternoon and set up for the van run, we had about 20 people and a fun time. The next morning the host comes over to me and tells me the state has shut down all the campgrounds as of 5pm we had to evacuate. After talking about it with the club members we decided to go to Joe and c-vans house and ride out the storm. Had a group of vanners stop over including puppy from new England. We hung out and discussed whether to re schedule the van run or not. Well..... We found a new place and are ready to rock and roll! A want to be hurricane is not going to keep us down!!

Next on the list is GSVR in North Carolina, always a great time with the Southeast van council. Great group of people.

Had vanbourghini mess up on the way to our trickiness I dropped it off with Joe van and he replaced front rotors, brake lines, calipers, pads, rear pads, wheel cylinders, rear hoses, 4 shocks, paint the wheel well's and the whole undercarriage, plus added dual exhaust so it sounds good! Bought some red cedar for the ceiling and hope to have it finished and installed before turkey van run in November.

after the state cancelled our run due to the NON-hurricane Van and C Van invited anyone that was at the campground to ride out the storm at their house. A bunch of us went and hung out for 6 days. Ate a lot of food, and had a great time in spite of the change in plans. Thanks for the hospitality!

Vanbourghini did not run well on the way over to ross prairie, I decided to leave the van at Joe's shop so he could do some work on it. Replaced front rotors, brake lines and pads in the front, new brake lines, hardware in the back, 4 new shocks, new dual exhaust, (cat converters were clogged), he also painted and undercoated the wheel wells and frame and rear end, plus painted it all. Run great and looks great!

Next up was GSVR, the south east van council puts on a great run and

at beautiful location. 65 vans and 27 in the show. A good group from Florida went and showed our support. Colorado took long distance. A fun time had by all! can't wait till next year.

now we are getting ready to host our re-scheduled evant at Robinsons ranch in Dunnellon oct 11-13th, 2019. hope to be able to make this an annual evant and maybe have some meetings or truck ins there

Konehead [when you're with the Kone, your never alone]

# BUCKEYE VAN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS RETURN TO CORTLAND VII

## TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

899 EVERETT HULL RD CORTLAND, OHIO 44410

GATES OPEN AT NOON ON FRIDAY JUNE 5TH-JUNE 7TH GATES CLOSE NOON SUNDAY

VAN & 2 PEOPLE \$35.00 PRE- REG \$40.00 At Gate

TRAILERS \$25.00

EXTRA PERSON \$10.00 WALK-INS \$10.00 PER DAY

CONTACTS: DOUG GIBSON 440-563-8081

GREG SHOWERS 330-980-1836



## KNIGHTS TALE

**BURN OUTS  
GO CART RACES**



**HOT WHEEL RACES**

I release Buckeye Van Assoc. Inc. and Trumbull County Fairgrounds or anyone affiliated with them, of any responsibility for any injury, accident or theft which might occur to me, my vehicle or any of my occupants at this event. Anyone under 18 years must have a parent or legal guardian sign this release.

Proof of insurance required for all carts

The only raffle tickets to be sold must be approved before Truck-in

NO ground fires or fireworks!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Van Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer: Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature or Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

WE ARE CONNECTED TO PAYPAL [Buckeyevanassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:Buckeyevanassoc@yahoo.com)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BUCKEYE VAN ASSOC.

Please include trailer fee with Pre-entry

BY MAY 18TH PAY PAL ENTRIES MAY 18TH

CONTACT 330-332-1906 Cherie Smith

C/O CHERIE SMITH

956 Andrew Ave.

Salem, OH. 44460

Hi All,

Coop did some paint on the van which makes it stand out. I won three trophies this year with it. Thanks Coop.



I had a great summer. I spent some time in PA with my daughter before the Nationals. It was great to see so many of my friends from Florida there. The New England Van Council did a outstanding Job. There was a lot going on every day from Street performers, to tours, games, show and shine, bands and a huge caravan to the local Collage. The grounds were top notch; I had such a good time that I went back to Boogie Affair a few weeks later. Thanks Dave, Judy and all the New England gang for a job well done. Florida took home a nice amount of trophies.

From the Nats I went to see friends in NH then on to meet some Friends in Maine and we did a tour of Acadia National Park, Campobello, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. I went to a Truck-in in New Brunswick while we were there. It was then back to Maine where my 2 friends decided to head west and I stopped to visit Astro and Mandy, then back to NH to see friends and tour the White Mountains. Then it was back to PA to visit my Daughter again and work for my grandson and go to Keystone Madness .

Next stop was GSVR and again lots of FL people were there. The date for next year is back to the first week of Oct. that means that next year we can go to both Last Chance in OH and GSVR.

I'm back in FL now taking care of my Aunt for a week of so the back to work. I'll see you all at the FVC meeting.

Judith



# Van Nats 2019







June  
FVC Meeting



GSVR XV  
2019





Hello fellow Vanner's. Jo and I hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. Now here is a long story and hope it covers all the times that we did not have anything for the newsletter. It has been an incredible summer for us as we have not been able to attend this many truck - ins in years. So, like every year our busy season here ended July 1st. I told Jo this year we're going to hit as many truck ins as we can as we did not have any jobs lined up for the summer like we usually do. We left West Palm Beach on July 7 with the idea

of stopping in my old hometown of Uniontown, Pa, visiting family and friends for a week before heading to the Van Nationals. We started out with a high-speed vibration in Lightning and the first thing I thought of was either tire out of balance, bad tire or bad U joint. Our first stop was to drive Lightning on Daytona beach and take a few photos. I use to go there every year with Lightning back in the 80s but haven't been there since. Ate at Crabby Joe's and continued north. Stopped in Georgia to have the tires balanced and the guy said it looked like one of my back tires was cupped. Continued on our way with no change. Got all the way to West Virginia and my left front wheel bearing went out right before an exit. Got off and Jo was told at a gas station that there was a repair shop only 3 miles down the road. Could only make it 1 mile before it started to grind and I did not want to ruin a spindle which I knew would take time to replace if they could even find one. We had to have a flatbed tow truck come and pick up Lightning and deliver her 1 mile to the shop. They were extremely busy and said it would take several hours. Luckily enough right next-door was a bar! Jo said Thank God there's a bar next-door. Set there and talked to locals coming in and out for the next five hours. Several of them bought us drinks. Had a great time. That is one thing that I now have in my suitcase under my bed, extra wheel bearings and races. Anyway, the vibration continued and we finally arrived in Uniontown. Had a great time there with family and friends and then the day we were going to leave for the Nationals, I told Jo let's have those wheels balanced one more time. Took a walk around town while we were waiting then when we went back to pick up the van luckily enough, I looked at the back of the van and the left side of the bumper was bent in and smashed into my left rear quarter panel. Walked in the door and the guy said "you're all set" and I said yes, I'm all set all right and just motioned to him





with my finger to come here. Walked out to the van, pointed at it and did not say a word. He looked at me and said take it to Stewart's and have them send me the bill. Needless to say, they were busy and said it would take three days. So now instead of getting to the Van Nationals early we were going to get there Friday morning the day of the van show. So now instead of an easy going to get there early kind of thing it was rushed to get there with a vibration still with us. So, we arrived Friday morning only to be told that we had 30 minutes to get the van ready for the van show and while washing Lightning several vanners came to me wanting videos of their vans. No problem. Got Lightning cleaned up, put in the show and started filming some very cool vans. I'm sure some of you have seen fishes Ford and the one without a steering wheel. One Vanner in particular had a van called Vanformer. A really cool looking Astro van. After filming about 15 vans and the entire

show when I got back to him, he was gone. Sometimes that happens. Then had a great time partying with all of you that were there. And in the end Lightning got first place for Full Custom Dodge. When they called up OOP and Jo, a guy got in front of me and took a plaque which I assumed it was the one that they called before me. Then when I got to get the award, he said I just gave it to that guy. When I turned around, he was gone. Vanished! Anyway, no big deal I just went and told them that someone mistakenly took our trophy and Judith brought us another one later that evening. Never did find out who it was. Thank you Judith.



Sunday morning we're getting ready to leave and the phone rings, it's the guy with Vanformer. I asked him where he was and he said he was already home. Asked me which way we were going and it just happen to be 1 mile off the exit in the direction that we were going. So, we stopped at his house and filmed his Vanformer van. We explained to him about our vibration and of course he knew a great mechanic down the road that had a shop for years who would check it out for us. Took it to him and he said you need new tires I believe that's the



problem and I said that is what I thought. The only problem was he could not get them till the next day so we had to stay overnight in a hotel which was no problem and actually kind of enjoyed it. Called him the next



day and he said the tires would probably not be there until afternoon so we went shopping and exploring around town and went back to the shop at 3 o'clock as I knew they closed at five. When we got there the tires arrived. Got them balanced. Put them on and thought our shake would be over. It was

not. Nothing changed. Again, they checked our U - joints, bearings, front end and everything else they could think of. So, my next thought is possibly a bad driveshaft. The good thing about the vibration is even until this day it never got worse, but it definitely did not get any better. We decided to go back to Uniontown and camp at the Yaugh Lake, Tub Run camp ground where I used to camp a lot when I lived up there. Beautiful place. Jo and I had a great time relaxing. Then went back to town to stay with my sister for a few days. The following weekend was the Carlisle Vanarama show. Quite a few Vanners that were at the nationals asked us if we were going to be at Carlisle and we would film their van there. I Was afraid we weren't going to make it as Lightning was in the shop over the weekend but a friend of mine told me to take his car which was about 150 mile drive to Carlisle. There were so many counting on us we did that. Got some great vans on video like you saw, Chromezilla, The Dragon Lord and Vanpas' Aces High, to name a few. Got back to Uniontown at 1 o'clock in the morning and then the following weekend it's off to Ohio for Nightmare Vanner's Nightmare before Christmas truck - in. And like always a beautiful sight to see was Lou & Agnes waving us over where the camp was. Smitty and the gang was there and the next thing I knew they were in a golf cart going to see some kind of wedding. Who's getting married? Two young Vanner's Durk and Kayla. Since we just arrived, I said to Jo, do you want to go to this or should we finish setting up camp? Jo said I wonder if they have someone filming it for them, if they don't it would be nice for them to have a video. I grabbed the camera and we went down and filmed their wedding as there was no videographer only photographer. We had a good time at the reception with our gang and then headed back to camp where the Vortex was starting up. I'm sure everyone knows what happened then. The following day was the van show and we took several rides on a slut bus to get some video of the grounds and vans. That evening at the awards ceremony Lightning got first place Dodge. After dinner like each night we danced and sang just about every song with the band and partied until the wee hours. Woke up the next day and half of the grounds were already empty. Again, we were in no hurry so we were the last ones to leave. Now we have two weeks before Keystone

Madness, which we really wanted to go to as we've heard many stories about good times, but we had to get back to West Palm Beach to film our friend the Polka King in concert. So, we headed south and got home the night before the concert. Of course, with the king being in concert we had to get our other van that was in the movie with Jack Black started and ready so that we could park it next to the stage. That van is famous! I probably have 50 to 75 pictures of people taking pictures with that van. The block party went well. Had a huge crowd and the King with the Alex Mixner band had a fantastic performance. Of course, we filmed the entire event. Now thinking it's over we can get ready to head out for a nice leisurely ride to Keystone Madness. Well that didn't work, because now we here there's a hurricane named Dorian coming our way. So, like everyone else we put up the shutters and brought everything from outside that would be damaged inside. If you've ever been to our place you know that there is a lot of things to bring in. Anyway, as you all know after many prayers from everyone all over the entire East Coast Dorian stayed off shore only to totally destroy the Bahamas. Now with only a few days left we leave everything the way it is here, pack up Lightning and head north again. I told Jo sooner or later the vibration will get so bad we will be able to figure out what it is. But of course, it just stayed the same.

We had a good trip up with no issues except for the vibration. We arrive early at Keystone Madness and sent Judith a text as to where are you.? On my way she said, so we told her we were already there and would find a nice quiet place which we did. Got all set up and then decided to take a walk around the grounds. We only got as far as the first campsite which happened to be Three River Vans. Talk about a family reunion. I have not seen many of these friends for over 48 years. The first night I believe someone said it was around 48°. Chilly but there were fires everywhere and a fire right in front of the bandstand, which everyone hung around and partied. Jo was talking to Judith about our Polka van from the movie and the fact that it had the original plastic, vinyl seats which were all cracked up and she wanted to go to a junkyard and get new seats. Plus, we needed a spare tire that we could not find anywhere here in West Palm Beach. Judith said that she wanted to go to a junkyard as well to get new seats for her van and we could have her old seats which were still like new. So, the next day we got up and we went to the junkyard. You have no idea what a pleasure it is to go to the junkyard with two women who love to be in a junkyard! We had a blast. We were in every van in this huge junkyard and I mean huge. Only problem was they were scattered all over so I had to jump on top of vans or trucks to be able to look all



around to find out where the next van was. It was almost like a scavenger hunt. LOL. Anyway, long story short Judith got her seats, we got our spare tire, hubcaps and a few toggle switches. Now back to the event and Judith dives right in with putting her new seats in her van. That evening was like the evening before. Good band, good company, warm fire and all the beer you can drink. Went back to see my friends at T.R.V. and at about 3:30 Jo had to almost carry me back to the van. Next day was the van show which was very well organized. I'm sure some of you have seen the video of the entire show that we have on youtube. I was happy to see many vans and friends that I had not seen in years there. After dinner and a short siesta, it was time for the award ceremony. Lightning got Best Dodge and long distance which I did not even think about. Then again, another great band in the evening and party with friends. The next day we headed back to Uniontown where we had a meeting with several friends. Next it was off to Last Chance in Ohio. I've been promising them for years that we would come to their truck - in one day and this was perfect timing. Wow! What a beautiful campground. Zip - lines, a huge lake with a beach, sliding boards, floating island and many crazy Vanner's out there swimming. Jo, Lightning and I had a perfect spot halfway up the hill where we could see most of the campground. Close by again was T.R.V. Those guys are crazy and they were happy to see Jo and I again. Never ending amount of fireball at that camp. LOL. Jo and I filmed the grounds and talked to the manager about doing the zip - lines possibly on Sunday before we would have to leave. That evening they had an excellent band. The next morning, I got a text from Coop saying he was on his way with his Rainbow Paint Van. This was the last of his vans that we wanted to get on video. Like always we emptied out Lightning and got her ready for the show. Again, we were happy to see several vans that we had never seen before and many friends that we had not seen in a long time. After the show Jo and I walked around to most of the campsites and partied with I believe almost everyone there. That evening at the award ceremony again Lightning got first place Dodge and long distance. After the awards and several fireball shots the band started and we were told that it was a group that had been playing there for years. They were very good especially with the AC/DC songs. Like always everyone partied hard till around 2:00. The next morning Jo and I got up late and slowly headed south back to Florida. And yes, we vibrated the whole way home. Next weekend is Adventure Vans truck - in so we will see you all there and will have camera like always.

All the Van videos can be found on our youtube channel jllightning and [www.VansOnVideo.com](http://www.VansOnVideo.com)

Love you All!

# Vanning Around the World

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

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**2019**

## December

6-8	FL	Christmas at the Museum of Vanning. Due to space the event will be held at the Days Inn 10826 US 19 Port Richey FL. \$54.95 per night 727-869-9999 for reservations. Thursday Pub Crawl, Friday Pizza party, Saturday Breakfast, Pool party and Saturday night pot luck, Bands Saturday afternoon. \$20 per person donation. \$15. per person museum members. contact <a href="mailto:SurferJO2@aol.com">SurferJO2@aol.com</a> or 727-863-7033 <a href="https://www.vanningmuseum.com/">https://www.vanningmuseum.com/</a> <a href="#">Click here for front of flier</a> <a href="#">Click here for back of flier</a>
7	RI	Truck-in for Tots sponsored by the NEVC benefiting the Greenfield Police Assn. at West Warwick Elks Lodge 60 Clyde St. West Warwick, RI one new toy per adult or cash donation. games, dash plaques, trophies food available call Joe 401-320-8400
TBA	FL	The Chester's New Years Eve Party at the Chester Ranch, 12251 S.E. 66th Place, Morriston, FL 32668 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 PI right. Bring a covered dish and what you are drinking for New Years. \$10. donation

## 2020 - January

17-19	FL	Vanners in the Forest VI at River Forest group camping area 45700 River Forest Blvd. Deland, FL Gates open Friday at 3PM checkout Monday at 11 AM Pre-register \$45. gate \$55. motor homes/trailers \$55. gate \$65. extra people \$10 each day guest \$8. pot luck Saturday night. info call Cari 321-693-3988 send to FVC c/o Meredith Fleming 3932 Poinsettia Dr. St Pete Beach , FL 33706 <a href="#">Click here for flier</a>
18	FL	Florida Van Council meeting at Vanners in the Forest (see Above)
17-19	VA	Freeze Out 2020 at Rockahock Campground 1428 Outpost Rd. Lanexa, VA <a href="http://www.rockahock.com">www.rockahock.com</a> elec, water, dash plaques, goodie bags, Chinese auction, show & shine. \$45. per van, \$10. adults over 2 in van, \$15. per van early arrival, if you stay in a Yurt, cabin or villa \$10 per person. Debbie 919-907-8338 must call the campground at 804-966-8362 to rent a villa, yurt or cabin.

**"Bear" with us, we're doing it again**

**January 17 - 20, 2020**

# **Florida Van Council**

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## **Vanners in the Forest VI**

**River Forest Group Camping Site, Deland, FL**

**Kids 16 and under need to be in their campsite after 10 PM**

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

**Check Out before 11:00 AM Monday**



**Pre-Reg Vans \$45 before Jan. 5, 2020. \$55 at gate.**

**Pre-Reg RV's & TRAILERS \$55 before Jan. 5 \$65 at gate.**

**2 Adults, Kids under 16 free. Additional adults \$10 ea. -**

**Day guests \$5 ea.**

**Info: Cari (321) 693-3988**

**Friday Night: Chili Cook-off or Soup We have booked Sunday**

**Saturday Evening: Covered Dish.**

**Night if you wish to stay**

**45700 RIVER FOREST BLVD Deland, FL 32720**

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

29.01287, -81.39076

29°0'46"N, 81°23'27"W

**Directions:** 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, INC.** c/o Meredith Fleming, 3932 Poinsettia Drive, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 e-mail [mook@floridavancouncil.com](mailto:mook@floridavancouncil.com)

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I hereby release Florida Van Council, Inc. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_



## February

5-9	WI	<a href="#">Council of Councils 2020</a> hosted by Wisconsin Van Council at Crown Plaza airport Hotel Milwaukee, WI rates single/double \$96. triple or quad \$115. mention Wisconsin Van Council to get rates. Breakfast is included. reservations 414-764-5300 check WI Van Council on FB for more information as it become available <a href="#">Click here CofC 2020 on FB</a>
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## March

14	PA	Snowballed 43 by moonlite vans inc call Dennis Griffith for details 610-775-2271
17-19	VA	Breakaway Vanners 2nd annual Spring Break at Shenandoah Acres Family Campground 348 Lake Rd. Stuarts Draft VA elec, water, show and shine, goody bags to first 50 vans, shirts & patches available. pre reg by 3/21 \$40. extra people, \$10. extra days \$15. Campers \$15, Gate \$50 if you rent a cottage there is a \$10 per person charge to be paid to the host club. make checks to Patti Butler PO Box 665 Stuarts Draft VA 24477 .

## April

17-19	FL	Hi-way Vanners Free for all 8888 Gobbler Lane, Floral City Saturday night dinner catered by Squirrel & Konehead \$20. per person mail to Robert Killion 6328 Candlewood Dr. Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 if you have extra fire wood please bring it. <a href="#">Click here for flier</a>
24-25	PA	The Thaw 6 hosted by PA Van Council at Gratz Fairgrounds 601 E. Market St. Gratz PA gates open at noon on the 24th close at 11AM on the 28th. van show, night lite and sound off, bands, dash plaques etc. pre-reg by 4/6 \$35. \$10 extra people, gate \$40 campers up to 16' \$20. over 16" \$25. all motor homes \$75 pre reg. gate \$85 call phil Martin 570-374-5534

## May

1-3	IA	Vanniversary 46 by Central Iowa Vanners Jasper county fairgrounds Colfax IA pre-reg by 4/15 \$45, \$50 gate no charge for trailers, extra adults \$10. heated party room, games, show & shine plenty of elec. mail to CIV c/o Bonnie Ritz 11549 Rutledge Rd. Ottumwa, IA 52501 info Dale 641-682-7372
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8-10	OH	Spring Back Knox County Fairgrounds OH 129 Fairgrounds Rd., Mt. Vernon Oh. Dinner on Saturday night. Live music Show and Shine, games, Saturday night dinner etc pre-reg \$30. by 5/1 at get \$40. trailers \$15. extras people over 2 vanners in van \$10 each Thursday arrival extra \$10. Dash Plaques, van show, Games, Live music Patches, t-shirts , food vendor Vans on the Run PO Box 247614 Columbus, OH 43224 call 614-271-0563 More to come as available
14-17	MO	Spring Fever 43 by Vantasia vans The Wild Wild West Grounds has a swimming beach water slide paddle boats plenty of showers and 30 and 50 amp electric restaurant and store. Vans only pre-entry van and 2 adults 2 night pre-entry \$50/ 3 night \$60. gate 2 nights \$60. 3 nights \$70. extra nights \$15. trailers \$10. extra people over 18 \$10. pre reg by 5/10 send to Vantasia Vans PO Box 901793l, Kansas City MO 64190 contact Don Noone at 913-486-8866. or Patti at 955 Macon St Bevier, MO on site Water slide, paddle boats, restaurant, and store, near by attractions Walt Disney's home town and museum, JC Penny's and Mark Twain's , General Pershing's boyhood homes and museum.
22-25	IL	42nd Midwest International Truck-in location Jasper County Fairgrounds Rensselaer, IN Hot showers and plenty of restrooms. for more info go to <a href="http://www.midwestvansltd.com">www.midwestvansltd.com</a> or contact Game at 219-405-5994 <a href="mailto:mvlgame@comcast.net">mvlgame@comcast.net</a> or <a href="mailto:mvldodge1@gmail.com">mvldodge1@gmail.com</a> pre-reg by 5/9 pre-reg \$45. Gate \$60. van and 2 adults. If you arrive on Thursday \$20., trailers \$20. extra people send to Sherman Simmons 708-536-8291 c/o Midwest Vans Ltd. 2068 Ramblewood DR Highland, IN 46322 pub crawl on Sunday, Show-n-shine, Bright -n-shine, Raffles, VanKana, Game, Food and Ice, Bright-n-shine, bands ADA Accessible Indiana does not sell alcohol on Sundays.
<b>June</b>		
12-14	ont/ca	Van-fest 25 Canada's Largest Van and Truck show or e-mail <a href="mailto:vanfest@hotmail.com">vanfest@hotmail.com</a> , 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 01.685 more details to follow
28	MI	16th Annual Baker's of Milford. Gathering of the Early's (all Vans are Welcome) 2025 Milford Rd. Milford, MI 48381 contact Bill for more info <a href="mailto:wjhgski@aol.com">wjhgski@aol.com</a> 248-931-2455. Raffles, goodie bags, a \$5.00 donation will help defray the cost.



## July

8-12	MN	<p>48th Van Nationals hosted by Twin City Vans, Inc. Freeborn County Fairgrounds 1031 Bridge Ave. Albert Lea, MN this is a large open grounds with paved roads, Plenty of water and electric, restrooms and showers. Classification on Thursday, Light show on Friday night, Vans show Friday morning, parade to town and public show on Saturday. Lots of live music and fun and games for all over 18 \$20. Bring your vanning collectables for a display Pre-reg by June 15th, Van and 2 adults pre-reg \$55. gate, \$70. Camping trailers pre-reg \$25, \$35. extra people gate <b>Early arrivals starting 7/6 at noon</b>, \$15 per van and \$15. per trailer. send pre-reg to 48th National Truck-in 210 Knoll Dr. Battle Creek, MI 49017-8009 information contact Jim Cecil <a href="mailto:icecil@charter.net">icecil@charter.net</a> 612-978-7032 vendors Nate Van Hofwegen <a href="mailto:Natescustomersewing@hotmail.com">Natescustomersewing@hotmail.com</a> 612-720-9529 For more info go to <a href="http://WWW.Van-nationals.com">WWW.Van-nationals.com</a> you can also pre-reg on line.</p>
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## August

MA	Boogie Affair by New England Van Council. At Franklin County Fairgrounds 91 Wisdom Way, Greenfield MA, Hots showers, flush toilets, Vendors, games, Hot wheel and RC races, Volley Ball, public van show. Pre reg by 7/8 \$40. gate \$45. this is the price for van/truck and 2 adults and children under 15. extra people \$10 each. Trailers under 16' \$15. over 16' \$25. Motor homes and van pre reg \$65 Send to New England Van Council c/o Judi Baker 329 Wildwood Ave Worcester, MA 01403 info Call Dave 508-826-2272 or Ed 401-639-0130
PA	Butler Colonial Days by Three Rivers Vans at Butler County Fairgrounds RT 422 1127 New Castle Road Prospect PA. Pre-reg \$60. Campers \$25. gate \$65. Campers \$35. Extra people \$30. send to Three Rivers Vans c/o Sue Fassinger 1667 Weddell Rd. Elizabeth, PA 15037 info Bob 412-877-2599 Boston Beer Party Sunday night
OR	Corn Cob Camp out #46.by Zephyr Vans and Truck Assn. at Schroeder Park in Grand Pass Oregon In spaces 3-17 Float trip, plenty of sweet corn. Pre-reg by August 20 \$70. US for van and 2 adults. \$80. gate. extra adults over 18. \$20. trailers \$20. RV's \$100. pre-reg \$110. at gate. Contact Paula 510-352-2606 for T-shirts contact Lynn 510-512-2979 send to Zephyr @ 1651 Burkhart Ave San Leandro, CA 94579

## September

CO 11-13	Pikes Peak Van Association's 14th Annual Truck-in at Lake George Cabins & RV Park, 8966 County Rd. 90, Lake George, CO 80827 the theme is <b>Seussville</b> . Restroom, showers, power, live Band, Shot Bar, Beer, games, Costume Party , horse shoes, raffles spit & shine, buff & bright. Vans and Panel's only. Pre-reg \$40. by 8-1 gate \$45/ van and 2 adults. club trailers \$10. sleeping trailers \$10 extra people \$10. for early arrivals and cabin rental 719-748-3822 for info Beeper 720-434-3042 Cindy-Lou 719-229-7242 checks to H.A.V.E.'s send to Lisa Castaneda 16455 E. Layton Ave. Aurora, CO 80015
PA 17-20	Keystone Madness by Performance Vans at Summit Station, PA pre-reg by 9/1 \$50. van and 2 adults, gate \$45. \$75. motor homes Gate \$80., extra people \$10. trailers \$20. Early arrivals welcome \$5. per night. send to Performance vans PO Box 1333 Pottstown, PA 19454 call Sharpie 610-210-2830 show and shine food vendors, games, live music light show. vans, panels and pick-ups welcome
OH 25-27	Last Chance by TIT at Tall Timber Lake New Philadelphia PA Pre-reg \$40 gate \$45. trailers \$20. send to TIT PO Box 270 Bolivar OH 44612

October		
2-4	MC	GSVR XVI by the Southeast Van Council at Flaming Arrow Campground 283 Flaming Arrow Dr. Whittier NC 877-497-6161 to make your reservations with the campground. Friday night Hot Wheels Races, Saturday Show & shine 50/50 raffle, games, moonshine contest awards live entertainment. Reserve by 9/1 tent site with electric \$30. Rv site full hookup \$40. extra adults \$5. per day. <a href="http://www.southeastvancouncil.com">www.southeastvancouncil.com</a> Southeast van council on FB <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastVC/">https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastVC/</a>

## WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?

A drunk man who smelled of beer sat down on a subway next to a priest.

The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes, and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "well, I'll be damned", then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

**MORAL:** Make sure you understand the question *before* you offer your answer...

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