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<p>Randy in Maine Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 03 Aug 2003 Posts: 4277 Location: The Beach</p>	<p>Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 5:12 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">quote report</p> <p>I would be willing to send in \$20 to see them be bottemends new "roomies".</p>
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<p>Icy Type 2 Convert</p>  <p>Joined: 01 Nov 2002 Posts: 2957 Location: Heading to Bubblepalooza 2005</p>	<p>Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 5:40 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">quote report</p> <p>DurocShark wrote:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Well, if you did believe in PayPal, you could send it to me and I could take it out with my PayPal debit card and have it available immediately. (they charge me 3% for everything though, darned business account)</p> <p>OTOH: Maybe a Western Union or something?</p> <p>I think we REALLY need to know what these guys are up against. Still waiting to see what the brick wall is!</p> </div> <p>E-mail me your Paypal ID. I have a friend who does Paypal. I'll get you some money tomorrow.</p>
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<p>MrBreeze Protector of the Bays</p>  <p>Joined: 06 Oct 2002 Posts: 1428 Location: Lawn Guyland, NY</p>	<p>Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 5:49 pm Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">quote report</p> <p>I'm in for \$20, send me your paypal id</p> <p>Rob - LI '77 Westy/'73 Bus/'85 Vanagon/ '71 Westy/'77 Scirocco My Fat Biotch OGJHC- LI</p>

"Got no time for the jibba jabba, fool" - Mr. T said it, and I believe it.

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DeathBus
Samba Contributor



Joined: 26 Apr 2004
Posts: 933
Location: My Very Own SPIDER HOLE!!

Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 6:55 pm Post subject:

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Bottomend wrote:

let me just put it this way... the brick wall has finally been hit....

Damn I hope they didnt puke the motor, I bet the damn thing was running lean and crapped a piston. 😞 I wish I had the money to send, but I'm flat broke. The only thing I can give is crossed fingers and best wishes!

_____ racing in a ricker is like being in the special olympics, even if you do win, your still retarded!

My real name? Doug Zannis

BugBite11 wrote:

Your all a bunch of MotherF**kers

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madone90s
Samba Contributor

Joined: 13 May 2004
Posts: 5
Location: Puget Sound, WA

Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 8:03 pm Post subject:

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This story is fantastic!

While the only bus I have ever owned (a '61 deluxe) was sold many many years ago, I still love them none the less! It's people like bottomend that makes this community so great! Keep it up!

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Bottomend
Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999
Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!

Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 8:33 pm Post subject:

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Ok, I've been at work for the last ` 12 hours and we've had ONE THOUSAND HITS!!!!!!!!!!!! amazing. I wish I had time right now to tell everyon of the absolute madness that took place yesterday. I've got to get to my band rehearsal, I'm already gonna be late. My brain is on fire!!!!!!!!!!!!

I've seen the PM' people have sent me and I've written down an AIRS list for the Hippys. they are parked at a cul-de- sac (some body PLEASE tell me what the heck the REALLY means!!!!) a couple of hundred feet away. I'll go down there and give them the list.

On a lighter note.. I had the pleasure of working with Cindy Williams Of TV's Lavern and Shirley fame all day today (as well as tommorow). She was very nice and it was nice to not be caked in grease or trying to "blink out" grit that had fallen into my eyes.

I promise I'll give EVERYONE a Complete rundown of the latest events and yesterdays utter Madness. I'm still trying to swallow.....

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DurocShark
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Fri Sep 10, 2004 9:03 pm Post subject:

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AAArrrrggghhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!

DON'T LEAVE US HANGING LIKE THIS!!!!

_____ 73 High Top
71 Deluxe
84 Volvo 244GL
70 Chevrolegs

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DurocShark
Samba Contributor

Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 12:12 am Post subject:

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Oh, and:



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125
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Cul-De-Sac

Boils down to originally meaning the bottom of the bag.

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Bottomend
Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999
Location: Smell Aye! via
Nude Hamster!

Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 9:13 am Post subject:

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Sorry! I've got half a minute so I'll give you guys some info... I cant gt into all the crazyness of thursday (cause I tend to get a little long winded..understatement...?)

I stopped by the Green Bus last ngiht and the hippys were pushing AROUND the Cul-du-Sac. They had regained thier hope (see, I'm already getting ahead of myself. If I'm sitting here telling you about them regaining thier hope, then that can only mean one thing, right? yep, they lost it at some point....)

Anyway, I'll cut to the chase. I havent had time to go back through the post's to see what all the clammer about \$\$/paypal is but I recieved a couple of really nice PM's on the subject. I dont have a paypal account but that could change quickly. I mentioned to the guys that some people are talking about hard cash financial assistance. I also told 'em that while I was away doin' my duty for TV land that we had something like ONE THOUSAND HITS(!) Everybody was cheering!

If enough people feel it in thier heart to start a donation , I think it could be a very cool thing. I mean it from the bottom of my heart that YOU have all been an inspiration in this weird (and very greasy) mess. When I see how many views we're getting it's alittle over whelming to me. They are a little cut off from the scope and magnitude of whats happening here but I sorta see this as the whole " people comming together" type of thing.....

When I told them all this stuff last night they confessed to me that they we're down to \$180. ouch.....

You want my opinion? I would say rather than a few people sending a sizable amount of money (for example \$20) I think it would be ultra cool for LOTS AND LOTS of you posters/lerkers to send a small amount. This way alot of people can become an actuall part of this story. Your money would go directly into thier tank... ummm...YOUR tank! Wadda ya think? Is it possible to Paypal one dollar? I'll throw in a buck.. what the heck! (oh wait.. I already have!)

Anyway, I just realized that probably due to stress, I havent visited "the library " in like, four days. I just felt a monumental shift somewhere south of the border. I gotta go take care of that. Sorry.

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thenexttownshend
Samba Contributor



Joined: 27 Nov 2003
Posts: 355
Location: Rhode Island

Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 9:33 am Post subject:

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So whats the word on the bus? What do these guys need to get it home? Why are they pushin it in circles?

Steve

-1973 Bus Type II

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DurocShark
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125

Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 9:42 am Post subject:

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Heh. I laughed at the visual of 3 hippies in dreds pushing a bus in circles around a cul-de-sac.

I'm assuming they were trying to get it started?

I'm willing to help, but I'm thinking they're in way over their heads. My wife and I were talking about their situation (because I was telling her I was going to LA this weekend to help) and she asked what's gonna happen when they get into Arizona or somewhere in the middle of nowhere and it breaks down again.

<p>Location: In the thin air</p>	<p>I just sat there stunned. It hadn't occurred to me that they are still gonna be clueless about repairs, so it's going to happen all over again.</p> <p>My armchair recommendation would be to sell the bus in LA for a couple hundred, buy Greyhound tickets home, and try to buy one local to their homes. This way they can have the time to work on the bus, or let it set as necessary.</p> <p>I'm really feeling for these guys and hate to see them getting burned like this.</p> <hr/> <p>73 High Top 71 Deluxe 84 Volvo 244GL 70 Chevrolegs</p>
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<p>keifernet Samba Search & Rescue</p>  <p>Joined: 11 May 2002 Posts: 6508 Location: in the samba behavioral studies lab...</p>	<p>Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 10:57 am Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Something tells me they may not have "homes" but none the less I'm sure they want to get somewhere.</p> <p>Hopefully bottemend can get some of his life's obligations done and give us some more info on just what all is still ailing the green machine.</p> <p>I'm sure that many of us will be glad to donate a few up to 20 bucks to help get the thing reliable. If I wasn't in TX I would gladly go lend a hand to try and help get things right.</p> <p>"what a long strange trip it's been" ! 😊</p> <hr/> <p>OG JHC TX Chapter</p> <p>"All politicians are puppets, WE the PEOPLE need to pull the strings better..."</p>
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<p>Randy in Maine Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 03 Aug 2003 Posts: 4277 Location: The Beach</p>	<p>Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 1:07 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>"what a long strange GREEN trip it's been" ! 😊</p> <p>Hey grease, tell me where to send it and it will be in the mail.</p>
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<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 3:25 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>I just got home from my job. I walked down to the 'cul-de-sac'. Green machine is still sitting there waiting...</p> <p>I'm eating in front of the computer. I will post shortly....(oh, and BTW, the first definition is probably the one that best describes this misery).</p> <p>cul-de-sac (P) Pronunciation Key (kl-d-sk, kl-) n. pl. culs-de-sac (klz-, klz-) or cul-de-sacs (kl-)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A dead-end street. b. An impasse: "This was the cul-de-sac the year kept driving me toward: men and women would always be at odds" (Philip Weiss). 2. Anatomy. A saclike cavity or tube open only at one end. <p>-----</p>
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Bottomend
Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999
Location: Smell Aye! via
Nude Hamster!

Posted: Sat Sep 11, 2004 4:47 pm Post subject:



Ok, I just finished my 10th (20th???) burrito for the week. I'm not tired of them yet. Good eatin! Where do I start....?

When I last posted, I had recieved a call from the Hippys at Cosmos shop telling me that the wheel bearing we're all gresed up and looking good but.... They couldn't get it started in his shop so they tried to push start it for what I would estimate an decent 3/4 of a mile. Maybe more. I know that sounds pretty far but these guys dont really understand the need or reasons for useing tools. A situation like this just illuminates the point further. If the bus wont allow itself to be push started in 50 feet, then they'll push it another 50... and another 50... and another 50.

As usual, they had broken down in a pretty lucky spot... or so we thought. it wa right in front of a Romanian church. They we're facing the wrong direction into on comming traffic. (As I write this, I'm sitting here wondering how the bus got in that position.. hummmm)

I saw Leader sitting on the curb. Waterboy was kinda napping. He doesn't sleep during the day he 'naps'. Residue was sitting in the bus looking defeated. I could FEEL the difference in the vibe. They had reached the "We gotta get out of LA at any cost" mentality the night before and here we were 18 hours later getting dug deeper and deeper into the quick(slow?) sand.

That morning I had gotten up early and waited for them to come to my place in preparation of going to Cosmos. It looked like the final piece of the puzzle. I had also thrown out my work rug. (Symbolism?) I was still hopeful, but I was also depleting my mental toolbox of creative and cheap fixes/solutions available to me.

I took Leader aside and told him about "plan Z". You know the one... (someone on the thread here already wrote about it.. Shark? was that you?)

3 bus tix and a box of kleenex. Deal with it. This is the quickest way to get home. He sat there and listened as I gave him my opinion of the situation. I also told him that as Leader, he need to step up and make a mature decision as to what the next decision will be. I think I was finally getting through to him. He looked like a guy who just recieved a butt kicking. Sometimes (most of the time?) we turn out far better as humans after experiences like this one. I KNOW I have.

So, I start checking stuff and asking questions. It looked like the battery had gone dead. They had just replaced it a week before and only drove 100 miles. Not good. Leader is asking how much for a new battery and I tell him that he doesn't need a new one. No comprende'....He's got bigger problems.

I cant seem to find my voltmeter these days so, I cant do a ceck to see if stuff is charging. I tell them that what they are probably gonna need is an "alternator" or this other thing called a "regulator". No comprede.

By now it's about 3:30 pm. They called me at 2:45 which was exactly 2 hours and 45 minutes after I dropped them off at the park with no trees and the pool they couldn't enter. I had just enough time to get to the parts store and Auto Bone one more time to buy the last oil change and get home. I was just about to climb into the shower when the phone rang. (thats NEVER a good time to aanswer a call, right?)

So, at 3:30 you guys all know what I'm thinking. Stores are gonna be closing. Parts that are ordered today get installed tomorrow. A hippys sense of time and space are drastically different. To them, when a need arises, there is no logical reason it cant be filled at that exact moment. When I start giving them the reality of the situation, they sorta glaze over. Honestly, I think they just wanted to hear some good news for once. I guess I'd be the same way if the roles were reversed. But I couldn't give in to my emotional needs yet. I was still determined to get through this and fix broken things.

I said the best thing to do was to push it back to Cosmos and pay him the money for whatever parts we're needed and have him install the stuff. We we're close to his shop andmy luck might be have been running out.

I guess I just like to be tourtured because I suggested that we put my battery in thier bus so we wont have to push it. I figured we would only run off battery power for a mile. No big deal. eep reading....

As we pull into Cosmos, I tell Leader to let ME do the talking. Leader is a very positive guy and he's starting to look at me like quite the pessimist at this point. I start telling Cosmo what we need and he's giveing me prices and stuff. Leader comes in 3/4 of the way throguh the conversation and starts asking questions. He's trying to get it cheaper/faster/easier. I was really hoping by this time (after our little talk on the curb about "plan Z") that he

would've allowed me to steer the ship. He is Leader. I'm not.

Man, I almost expected him to start asking if the new alternator would be able to power a stereo from Best Buy. I would've probably lost my mind at that point....

So, we got outside and I tell him that he HAS to let me do this dealing. and right then our lifes started to take a very bad turn....

Another bus pulls up. It's an early bay with very rough grain paint. Kinda like pebbles. Trick show car kinda stuff. I've seen it before but I cant remember the name of the stuff. Two Mexican guys jump out and ask's Residue about the bus. He gives them the good news and then it begins.... One of the Mexicans say his name is Moses. It's all over from that point onward. The Hippys are practically on thier faces in worship to this guy as he tells them he can get an alternator for \$40 and his cousin can put it in. "You need some rims too?"

Leader is telling me this must be divine because Moses can save them money. Something inside mesorta....snaps. I let go. I'm floating. I thought to myself, if these guys wanna keep chaseing this dream, then I'll let 'em. Who am I to stop them and get in the way, right?

Moses says that his bro/cousin is "rewiring a bug that had a fire in Hollywood" but he'll be home soon. In my mind there is no use fighting so I figure, 'what the heck' this will be an experience. And oh, did I mention that the sun is going down?

I asked how far it is to thier house and they said it's 'just over there... you can follow us". Before he took off with us following, he pops open his engine lid. I guess it's so we can check out all the chrome, see the sock stuffed into the heater hoses and listen to his 2000 RPM idle.

At this point all three Hippys are convinced I'm insane and THIS is how V-dubbin should really feel. All I hear now is how the Green machine needs lowereing and rims and cool paint. Moses's house endes up being 45 minutes away! Did I mention the sun is going down?

We finnally get there and there are VW everywhere in verious stages of "repair". Moses also was very happy to show me the Porsche rims he "got from a guy who was just gonna throw 'em out." \$50 later, Moses had parted the.... man from his \$600 stolen rims for 50 bucks.

I pulled the guys over and talked in a low voice. They said they think getting parts from here is a real good idea. I said I think it's a real bad idea. The only way I actully won this round is because the brother is ' still in hollywood" an will be home is 10 minutes. yep, sure. (He's probably still sitting there trying to figure it out!!!!!!) I had to go to prepare for my job the next day so we cruise on out of there. (this is the location where I got my snowcone for the day. There was an old Mexican man who pushes a snow cone cart. I bought a round for every one. Waterboy made me two PB& J's. First food of the day and it's already like 6:30 pm. ouch!

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