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bljones Resident Wit Joined: 08 Feb 2002 Posts: 2050 Location: ontario canada	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 1:30 pm Post subject:</p> <p> </p> <p>Bottomend, i'm proud of you. You've gone above and beyond above and beyond. You are a credit to the air-cooled community.</p> <hr/> <p>OG JHC Author of Original Rant #1 "It stingd itself to dead... now that is control on you"</p> <p>Back to top </p>
pawesty Samba Medic  Joined: 28 Jun 2003 Posts: 858 Location: growin this beard	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 1:35 pm Post subject:</p> <p> </p> <p>i think we've found the next Tom Wolfe 😊</p> <hr/> <p>"Go smell the wind, go far. Hear the marvelous strange chime of midnight" Kerouac</p> <p>79 westy</p> <p>Back to top </p>
Devon-Dyno-Soar118 Samba Contributor  Joined: 30 Aug 2004 Posts: 250 Location: Devon UK	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 2:05 pm Post subject:</p> <p> </p> <p>Birtian backs bottomend!</p> <p>Out here in the countryside this type of thing happens on small scale all the time, people stop and offer help if they see you by the roadside! Its a big change from London where I waited 20 mins in a tailback to discover that it was down to a lone woman who had broken down and not a single person stopped to help her push the car to a safe place off the road, they simply beeped their horns and shouted at her for blocking the road! If you stop to help others then hopefully someone will stop for you in return.</p> <p>In the 10 or so years I have been into VW's I have received help from many people, any of whom could have kept going or not bothered to share their knowledge with me. Thanks to these people and their patience (I had plenty of Leader moments when younger!) I can help others and pass on some of my skills to others. This is what VW's have always been about- daring to be different and willing to get your hands dirty! Long may it continue.</p> <p>Back to top </p>
DurocShark Samba Contributor  Joined: 05 Apr 2004 Posts: 2125 Location: In the thin air	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 2:37 pm Post subject:</p> <p> </p> <p>I just spent a bunch of time on the phone with bottomend. Gave him some ideas to look for... Example: fuel injection and malfunctioning alternator do not make for a happy pair.</p> <p>I love the exploration of self that is happening here. How often do we truly have the chance he's getting? And are willing to take that chance and run with it? I can't say with any certainty that I would be capable of doing that... 😊</p> <p>I love that so many people have stepped up and offered assistance. \$\$, technical support, emotional support, whatever. All is needed in this case.</p> <p>Such an awesome story, I'm hoping that Everett stickies it as a lesson to all of us.</p>

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<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p> quote report</p> <p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 3:01 pm Post subject:</p> <p>WOW. It's great to hear these words. I can't thank you guys enough. Really...</p> <p>I just got off the phone with a board member (Durocshark) and he brought up a few possibilities...</p> <p>He said that the FI's system requires a certain # of amps to operate. I dunno why but I figured an alternator was just for lights and stuff. Learn something new everyday, right?</p> <p>This brought us to the conclusion that the 'new" alternator (from my parts stash) was probably dead. The alternator that came with the bus was putting out 4 -5 amps. That was probably just enough to get things running. The first course of action is to get a new Alternator! Doing that might get this beastly Green Machine running down the happy trail again!</p> <p>My machinist said he can get a rebuilt Alt. for around \$50 . The only problem is that he said sometimes they are not the best quality. I dont know what that means in "alternator talk'. It doesn't look as nice? Not painted? I'll ask him exactly. I dont wanna be pulling the one thats in there now, only to put in a replacement that is malfunctioning.</p> <p>We've developed a slogan for VW bus repair. It's... "TWICE!" I came up with this because EVERYTHING I've had to do, I've had to un-do and do over again.</p> <p>Gotta make a parts run...? TWICE!</p> <p>Gotta cut a hose....? TWICE!</p> <p>Gotta crawl under the bus...? TWICE! (this one is actually not twice, it's a million ... TWICE!)</p> <p>Gotta look for a wrench...? TWICE!</p> <p>That last one reminds me of something I forgot to tell you guys.. (or maybe I did...cant remember!) We lost my socket wrench at some point. It disappeared completely. Vanished! Well, I had to come up with an alternative. I didn't wanna go buy a new one cause I dont have the money and if I would've done that, I wouldv'e been giving up hope on my lost wrench! (poor little piece of inanimate metal...) and as soon as I would've returned from buying the replacement... (you know what I'm gonna say) I would've found the old one.</p> <p>I had to use this SUPER smalll miniature wrech I had and link it up with not one but TWO(!) adapter fittings to make a 3/4 inch socket fit. Residue finnaly found the wrench in the front of the bus down under the place where (curiously enough...) it might have been left if someone had been, oh, I dont know...WORKING ON A STEREO SYSTEM!!!!!! I never once went to the front of the bus! Not once! I bet it was Leader fishing around in preparation of getting the best buy on a stereo from Best Buy. I spent two full days in bed with the little wrench. The End.</p> <p>Anyway, (sorry for the venting) I just got word that we're up to \$100 in donations. All Paypal stuff MUST go to Durocshark's account. I know NOTHING about this kind of payment account system and I dont want to mess stuff up so I talked to the Shark on the phone to make sure everything was legitimate. It was.</p> <p>At some point he'll get the \$\$\$\$ to me and I'll pass it on to the Hippys. They will be happy to hear some good news (for once).</p> <p>To answer the question about them reading the post's. The answer is, no. They havent' been following along. I have been keeping them abreast of any developments and of the post/view count. I told them to promise me when (if?) they get back to Illinois that they will post under thier names (Leader, Residue and Waterboy) and tell everybody what happened to them. Leader was an english major so, I'm assuming he'll do most of the talking. Leaders talk, right?</p>
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<p>DurocShark Samba Contributor</p>	<p> quote edit</p> <p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 3:07 pm Post subject:</p>



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125
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Bottomend wrote:

I bet it was Leader fishing around in preparation of getting the best buy on a stereo from Best Buy.

Ya know, every time I hear Best Buy I'm reminded of the cheezy Fry's Electronics ads from a few years ago:

"Your best buys are ALWAYS" cue cheezy ray gun effects "at Fry's."

heh

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DurocShark
Samba Contributor

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Oh, and we're up to \$120 now!!! 😊

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earthmuffin
Samba Contributor

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 3:15 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 24 Sep 2003
Posts: 1519
Location: Where the view is long in Washington !!!

Awesome story and I wish you the best of luck.

You never know how helping someone that is truly in need is going to affect you. What at first seems like a burden, can turn into a blessing that you can't imagine.

I was able to help someone out that really needed it today and it is an experience that I will never forget as I'm sure that you won't ever forget this.

The smile on a hippies face as he drives away into the East in his "new" bus will be payment enough for your hard labor.

The world needs more Bottomends. 😊

(You can take that last statement how ever you like, I know what I meant. LOL 😊)

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ruckman101
Samba Contributor

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 3:15 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 15 Mar 2004
Posts: 781
Location: Portland "Little Beirut", OR

Quite the saga. Helped make my workday slide by. Good luck.

neal

Where are we going, and why am I in this hand-basket?

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DurocShark
Samba Contributor

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 3:22 pm Post subject:

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earthmuffin wrote:

The world needs more Bottomends. 😊



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
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Location: In the thin air

(You can take that last statement how ever you like, I know what I meant. LOL 😊)

Thanks! You just gave me my new sig!



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Bottomend
Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999
Location: Smell Aye! via
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Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 4:43 pm Post subject:



Alright earthmuffin, what happened!?

Shark, I like the sig. Very cute.

I just got back from the green machine and told them about Sharks FI/ Alt. ideas. A new Alternator will be ordered tomorrow. I'm thinking it will be available in the afternoon. I'm working all day so maybe I can put it in on Tuesday.

I told the guys about the donations and of course, they were very happy and thankful. Leader looked a little stunned... The first thing out of his mouth was "dudes, SODA!" We laughed! They are down to \$150 at this point so it's a diet of ramen noodles, PB&J and water. Except for the meal we had the other night and the burritos these guys have eaten they're colons are probably looking a little...colorful by now.

Leader told a story of what happened to him at the \$.99 store today. He said some white woman went off on the Hispanic people. (it's 99.9999% Mexican in this area.) She looked like she could've been a drug user ect. She was yelling at everyone and throwing stuff. She threw the change from the Crunch bar she just bought at the cashier and smashed it into her own face (yep, she just mashed it in to her face! He said that not much of it made it into her mouth)

Then she went over to the security guard and told everybody to "steal everything"!!!! The guard maced her and she ran out screaming. Leader couldn't believe what he had just seen. I told him it was his first "Hollywood moment." Congradulations.

While I was at the bus talking to them, the fire deapatment came. The cul-de-sac is kinda at the bottom of a hill and the FD shouted down .."you guys burning anything down there?" Of course they had the obligatory incense and candle going. We snuffed them out pretty quick. There were also the remains of a fire they had made on the pavement outside the bus last night too. I didn't even wanna ask why they needed to make a fire.

They all got real quiet when I mentioned the post that had written about them landing in Hollywood and there being a deeper reason for it. Waterboy seemed to really enjoy the thought of being led here by the notion of purchasing a faulty bus and hanging around for a while due to a breakdown.... (He also looks like the one who has the least to loose.)

They showed me the speakers the bought from Best Buy. They light up! I think the charge/re-charge idea from AutoBone is working out pretty good.

Paper has now been stuffed into the sliding door so it wont accidentally shut on them. I pointed out that it took a certain amount of "mechanical thinking" to figure out this simple, yet effective, solution. I was a little proud...

Did I tell everyone how Waterboy smacked me on the head TWICE? (thats the slogan!) Once with the engine lid and once with the rear hatch? I wonder if he came up with the idea how to keep the sliding door open...who else got smacked? hummmm.

Dont you think it would be sort of an evolutionary experiment to see how these guys learn to keep this bus running?...

Hey, heres an idea! Who dont you guys post "Hippy Fixes" to problems. It doesn't matter if they actually work or not. Thats not the point. Lets try to get inside the mind of a hippy. Start posting!

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<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 4:49 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Theres some funky cauckling around the jailouse window in my sliding door, to a po down the line it was great fix. No more leak.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Steve</p> <p>-1973 Bus Type II</p>	
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<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 4:51 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Shark? could you make sure everybody who wants to donate, understands how it is accomplished? If you need to re-post the info, please go ahead.</p> <p>I still think it would be cool if MORE people made SMALL donations. Everybody who has posted or read this thread so far is already a part of whats happeneing. When we see the view count go up it's really an inspiration!</p> <p>If you can spare one dollar for this it would be a thoughtfull gesture on your part and a pratical means of assistance. If you're not into the \$\$\$ part of this, then please write in and tell YOUR story. I'm sure it's got something to add!</p> <p>Sincerely, Bottomend</p>	
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<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:04 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Hippy Fix - Rusted out hole on the drivers floor board? Use an aluminum baking pan to cover it, and when you are drinking beer while driving you can remove the pan and dump your empties out the hole.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>racing in a ricer is like being in the special olympics, even if you do win, your still retarded!</p> <p>My real name? Doug Zannis</p> <p>BugBiteI wrote:</p> <p>Your all a bunch of MotherF**kers</p>	
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<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:05 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>\$\$\$\$ sent from a lurker. I told durocshark that just by reading this (you are a great writer bottemend) that it already feels like I know all of you guys. The hippies especially (I are one) but damn bottemend, I have only met a few gods in my life and you take the cake (or loaf of bread in this case). Keep up the good vibes I can't wait to see if they make it out my way.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>76 Riviera</p> <p>"Heaven is where the police are British, the chefs Italian, the mechanics German, the lovers French, and it is all organized by the Swiss. Hell is where the police are German, the chefs British, the mechanics French, the lovers Swiss, and it is all organized by the Italians."</p>	
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<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:10 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Bottomend wrote:</p> <p>Alright earthmuffin, what happened!?</p> <p>Its really a long story that is about a "journey" of my own. I don't want to steal your thunder. It was just a family that is down on their luck and is a little hungry both figuratively and literally. I was able to help them out financially. It wasn't a lot, but the look on his face was priceless. He was so choked up that he could hardly</p>	

squeak out "thank you".
Investing in people has a great return. 😊

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ronan.b
Samba Contributor



Joined: 24 Jun 2004
Posts: 68
Location: Ireland

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:15 pm Post subject:

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Bottomend wrote:

All you lerkers out there, wadda ya think?

I think your a legend, this is great reading 😊 😊

"mornin' "

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Bottomend
Grease

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

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:18 pm Post subject:

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Kris W, thanks. You didn't HAVE to do this. But you DID. cool.

Deathbus, I'm just curious... is this how you got your name? I mean the whole drinking and driveing thing, ya know?

Muffinman, THAT is what THIS has now become.

Sincerely, Squeaky

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Bottomend
Grease

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

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:28 pm Post subject:

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Ronan! Ireland? You gotta be kidding me! Thats it! I'm going outside right now and I'm gonna find the ugliest rock I can get my hands on and I'm gonna name it Blarney and I'm gonna KISS it all over!

P.S. a friend of mine just got back from your little rock and said it was an absolute dream. Great people. Amazing food (this was news to me... you guys have a reputation for, uh...those potatoes...rememeber?) and He and his wife said that there is a very large ratio of women to men. If this is true, I'll be shipping my bus to Ireland and causing a MASSIVE breakdown. I hope I'm stranded for YEARS!!!!!!!!!! What do you suggest? Fill 'er up with diesel? How about removing the brakes? That should take awhile to fix after the crash, right? I've got it! Sink the sucker! Ocean recovery! It'll take years to dry out. I can raise a family and grow potatoes and build little miniature wooded models and...and....and....

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ronan.b
Samba Contributor



Joined: 24 Jun 2004
Posts: 68
Location: Ireland

Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:34 pm Post subject:

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potatoes we fry them now as well as boil them. kissing the blarney stone helps improve the "gift of the gab" seems to me like your ok with that already 😊

keep up the good work bottomend. sure drop by anytime for a cup of tea 😊 😊

"mornin' "

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