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<b>DurocShark</b> Samba Contributor  Joined: 05 Apr 2004 Posts: 2125 Location: In the thin air	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:34 pm    Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">edit</a></p> <p>Ok, here it is:</p> <p>If you're interested in helping out... even a buck!... then here's what you do:</p> <p>If you already have a PayPal account, and are familiar with using it, just send money (instant payment, credit card, whatever) to: durocshark @ REMOVEME hotmail.com &lt;---That's my PayPal ID, less the spaces and "REMOVEME".</p> <p>If you've never used PayPal before, you will need to sign up first. Without a credit card it takes a few days (ugh), and then a few more days to send money via eCheck. Please keep this in mind...</p> <p>Go to paypal.com and click on "Send Money" at the top. The website will walk you through the process.</p> <p>Once you've signed up, enter my PayPal ID in the "To:" field and then the amount and "Hippy Money" in the Subject field. Pick whatever type of payment you want EXCEPT for the auction choices.</p> <p>To be able to accept credit cards, I do get charged fees (88c for each \$20 donation so far), but I'm eating that money, counting that as my financial donation. 😊</p> <p>PayPal is sort of like an online bank. I even have a Visa Check Card (debit card) for it. So the money is immediately available. I can hit a WaMu ATM machine and take it out with no fees. Or use it as a Visa card. Either way it is readily available to the guys.</p> <p>They're down to \$150 between them. If the Alt costs \$50, then they only have \$100 for food and gas to get home. So far the donations amount to \$140!! That's awesome! But it's still not quite enough to get home at \$2+ per gallon, let alone food and oil, so keep it coming folks!</p> <p>This thread has received over 4000 hits so far, and if just 1 in 4 visitors kicked in \$1 then they'd have enough to get all necessary parts and still get home with a cushion.</p> <hr/> 73 High Top 71 Deluxe 84 Volvo 244GL 70 Chevrolegs
<b>Bottomend</b> Grease Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!	<p> Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 5:59 pm    Post subject:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Thanks Shark. I was a little confused about the REMOVEME and the spaces part? Am I just dense?</p> <p>I'm not a computer guy so maybe this is something that most people know about already. ( I think I'd make a great Beta tester for computer programs though. Or maybe not.... We all be reduced to taking a piece of stick and strapping it to a bone from a seagull to announce the arrival of the winter solstice or something. Now, thats what I call computing power!!)</p> <p>Oh I forgot to add this, I looked under the back of the Green Machine and there is NOT ONE DROP OF OIL</p>

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<p>ANYWHERE!! If my bus (Mr. Magoo) even gets within backfiring range, he'll become very jelous!</p>	
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<p><b>krisw</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 22 Jul 2004 Posts: 94 Location: Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 6:04 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p><b>krisw wrote:</b></p> <p>I have only met a few gods in my life and you take the cake (or loaf of bread in this case)</p> <p>Damn it would be nice to meet you sometime in the air-cooled circle. PM me with your real name (or post it I am sure others would love to shake your hand) so when I actually meet you I can give you a hug. Not to veer off the subject but the closest event I see in between me and you is BBB at Havasu. You gonna be there.....with three hippies and a bus? lol....I hope the hippies have made it a little further by January.</p> <hr/> <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><b>DeathBus</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 26 Apr 2004 Posts: 933 Location: My Very Own SPIDER HOLE!!</p>	<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 6:09 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p><b>Bottomend wrote:</b></p> <p>Deathbus, I'm just curious... is this how you got your name? I mean the whole drinking and driving thing, ya know?</p> <p>Naw, about 10 or 15 years ago me and the PO of my camper were in the middle of Nowhere Alabama putting 97 octane in it, when this old country dude walks up looks at the van, looks at the gas pump and says very loudly "YOU DONT PUT HIGH TEST IN THE DEATH BUS!", turned and walked away, the name stuck.</p> <p>I forgot to add my camper has Flying Tiger teeth painted on both doors.</p> <hr/> <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><b>BugBiteI wrote:</b></p> <p>Your all a bunch of MotherF**kers</p>
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<p><b>Bottomend</b> Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 6:23 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>I've never been to a BUS event. It sounds like fun. I would be waaaaay too shy to introduce myself though.... "Hello everyone, I'm Bottomend, remember me? Your personal VW savior. Three Hail Mary's and an Our Father and that cruching noise and those leaks will disappear."</p> <p>Shark, I didn't know that you get charged for using this Paypal thing. Is it percentage based? Sounds like it. I dont wanna run you into the red. Lets figure this out, K?</p>
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<p><b>jeremysmithatshawdotca</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 11 Feb 2002 Posts: 1479 Location: Edmonton, AB</p>	<p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 6:25 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>DeathBus, my boys and I would love to see a picture!</p> <p>Duroc, we just cleaned out our Paypal a couple days ago, but we'll kick some \$ over to you if we get an order in the next little while for sure!</p> <hr/> <p><a href="http://www.oddlyenoughmosaics.com">http://www.oddlyenoughmosaics.com</a></p>
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<p><b>Bob D.</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 11 Sep 2003 Posts: 492 Location: Chicago, IL</p>	<p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p> <p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 8:25 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Just sent \$20. Let's keep it up.</p> <p>I am on a road trip in my bus right now, somewhere in OH and headed for VA, and I sure know how I would feel if I broke down far from home and friends.... ☹</p> <hr/> <p>1978 7-Passenger, 34K miles Proud Member #1, <b>SBS</b> (Stock Bus Society)</p> <p><i>Enjoy and appreciate your good health</i></p>
<p><b>madone90s</b> Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 13 May 2004 Posts: 5 Location: Puget Sound, WA</p>	<p><a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">pm</a> <a href="#">gallery</a> <a href="#">ads</a></p> <p>Posted: Sun Sep 12, 2004 9:51 pm Post subject: <a href="#">quote</a> <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>While I don't even own a bus at the present moment (though I will be getting serious about getting one next month!), I am happy to help by sending a bit of money! Money Sent!</p> <p>Go Hippies! 😊</p>
<p><b>Bottomend</b></p>	<p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 12:39 am Post subject:</p>

<p>Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Hey madone90s! Getting off to a good start in the VW bus world, ha? thanks.</p> <p>Bob D. When Colin and I we're huffin and puffin under my bus a month and a half ago I coined the phrase ""WWBDD". (What Would Bob D Do?) It was a little joke based on the fact that your bus is practically brand new and should be maintained and preserved as such. Everytime we would run into a problem I'd shout out " WWBDD!" Thanks for the thought and \$\$\$.</p>
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<p><b>topnotch</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 22 Jun 2004 Posts: 15 Location: england</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 1:04 am Post subject:</p> <p>this possibly the best thread i`ve ever read - bottomend - you are an inspiration man! 😊</p> <p>good luck to you - hope you get the guys on the road - you`ve gotta get a picture on here!</p>
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<p><b>cuchullain</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 13 Sep 2004 Posts: 73 Location: Beal Feirste in reality not virtuality!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 3:21 am Post subject:</p> <p>bottomend, or sorry should i say grease, i have put a link to this amazing tale on type2ireland.org a website dedicated to vw buses in ireland, it turns out that people over here in ireland have also being following the story from the beginning.</p> <p>good luck from your oirish readers dude</p> <p>cheers paul 😊</p>
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<p><b>Bob D.</b> Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 11 Sep 2003 Posts: 492 Location: Chicago, IL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 6:50 am Post subject:</p> <p><b>Bottomend wrote:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Bob D. When Colin and I we're huffin and puffin under my bus a month and a half ago I coined the phrase ""WWBDD". (What Would Bob D Do?) It was a little joke based on the fact that your bus is practically brand new and should be maintained and preserved as such. Everytime we would run into a problem I'd shout out " WWBDD!" Thanks for the thought and \$\$\$.</p> </div>
	<p>😂😂 ROFLMAO!! I guess if somebody is going to be yelling out my name when working on an old car, at least its nice not to have any curses involved....</p> <p>Old VWs are addictive on so many levels. I've had lots over the years, but my green bus "talks" to me like no other and I do try very hard to keep it in top shape. These buses can be so "<b>right</b>" when everything is in proper tune, just an amazing sense of harmony, utility and efficiency. I'd love for the hippies to get just a glimmer of that feeling. Yes, a Japanese anything might be a simpler choice for them, but anybody who has the ability to step off the hell ride of modern American life for a while is bound to commune with the bus on some level once it gets closer to its intended state of tune.</p> <p>Thanks again for all your hard work!</p> <p>1978 7-Passenger, 34K miles Proud Member #1, <b>SBS</b> (Stock Bus Society)</p> <p><i>Enjoy and appreciate your good health</i></p>
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<p><b>steve74baywin</b> Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 29 Dec 2003 Posts: 475 Location: FL - Tampa</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <a href="#">quote</a>  <a href="#">report</a></p> <p>Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 7:14 am Post subject:</p> <p>Many replies this weekend, so I might have missed something, but what is the latest? They going to hang out for another week? There was a lot of talk about people helping over the weekend, and collecting money, but here it is Monday. What is the master</p>

plan?

Steve

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**DurocShark**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004  
Posts: 2125  
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Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 7:18 am Post subject:

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Currently they're getting a new alternator. The oil leaks sound like they've been taken care of.

The bus wouldn't start, and I'm pretty sure it was because of the jacked alternator.

We're still under what it will take in just gas for them to get home, so again any donations will be greatly appreciated!

I'm thinking it'll be a minimum of \$400 for gas. I drove from So Cal to North Carolina 14 years ago when gas was around \$1 a gallon and I spent \$350 on gas in my 280z that got 18mpg. Someone who has driven cross country recently could probably come up with a more accurate number.

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**JavaJoe**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 13 Sep 2004  
Posts: 12  
Location: Chicago

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 8:17 am Post subject:

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I drove my stock '68 Kombi from SF to Chicago last fall. The drive was ~2400 miles, and we went straight through the mountains. I think we spent around \$300 in gas. I might be able to get the exact amount - since I expensed the trip. If I have the actual number I'll post it later today.

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**Bottomend**  
Grease

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

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 8:55 am Post subject:

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<<but anybody who has the ability to step off the hell ride of modern American life for a while is bound to commune with the bus on some level once it gets closer to its intended state of tune.>>

I REALLY like the SOUND of these things! Everything rattles and vibrates and shakes in some form or fasion. After somebody stole my stereo( It was the first good stereo I ever had in a vehical) I was scared to put in a new one. I also took Colin advice and "just spend some time getting to know the car". I'm starting to beable to feel stuff like state of engine tune ect by sound/feel now. I know it's a super nerdy thng to admit but you guys wouldn't judge me, right? If I would've said that to "normal" people they'd think I was a bit loony.

As far as the gas milage stuff in concerend. I think the one bset equipt to answer is Colin. I know he writes down all his mileage and routes. Can someone PM him and ask what the best route for a bus in this condition would be and how much gas it will take? Thanks.

I gave Leader all the phone #'s I have for parts store in my area. He's gonna get on the phone early to order it. I'm hoping for the part to arrive this afternoon and I'll put it in tomorrow! I'm getting pretty good at taking the rear of the engine apart by now.

For the people who havent been around this weekend, please go back a few pages and check it out. I did an EXTENSIVE update about what ocured on Thursday. That became the turning point day.

I'm so excited to hear about the people in other countries reading about all of this that I've decied to learn to dance the jig. I've set up a pine board in my house and I've got bitters and ale on tap. the only thing missing is

the hoof hair of the Queens prized pet Christmas goat.

And please keep writing those "Hippy Fixes". for those of you who didn't hear, I thought it would be fun to put a list together of solutions to bus problems that only a hippys boggled yet enlightned mind could concieve of. It doesn't mttter if the 'fixes' actually work. ( it's probably better if they didn't ... it may save a life!!!!!!) If we get enough of thim, maybe we can get Ratwell to add 'em to his FAQ page or something.

I talk alot, dont I? ( dont answer that!)

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**Bottomend**  
Grease

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 9:02 am Post subject:

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

Oh yea, I need to mention a word of thanks for those who've recently donated to the "fund" for these guys through Durocshark's paypal account. it's still growing and it is a testimony that a bus owners heart is a big as the parking space they take up.

Later.

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**honeybus**  
Samba Contributor



Joined: 06 Aug 2002  
Posts: 32  
Location: Springfield, Virginia

Posted: Mon Sep 13, 2004 10:57 am Post subject: Don't forget the BASICS...

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1. Fuel lines
2. Brakes (OK, you know that one..)
3. Windshield Wiper rubber blades. Check if they are even slightly torn at the edges.
4. Check the lights - Headlights, of course, but also rear tail and brake lights. and license plate light.
5. Proper registration
6. Insurance
7. Fire extinguishers (three - show them how one works, and let them take the other two.)
8. Incense cones instead of sticks; they can travel better in a moving vehicle.
9. Thorough cleaning of interior [roach] hiding places
10. Tire pressure gauge (\$1, but I guess this is expecting too much.)
11. A small flip over note pad, and tell them to make a note each time they stop for gas on how much oil is still left. Write it down.
12. At least one 'sealed' gallon of drinkable H2O
13. Instructions that they NEVER get their body parts UNDER the vehicle.
14. Plenty of oil, and a small funnel for adding oil.
15. One flashlight. The disposable kind.
16. Well wishes.

Barry sends  
Springfield VA

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