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Bottomend Grease Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!	<p>Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 7:23 pm Post subject:</p> <p>Heres what happened today....</p> <p>Peter and I (the diesel bus tech dude) located what we have found to be at least, part of the problem. The double relay has a burnt PC board. Is this the type of part that goes out alot? We wern't able to check the 'puter because the relay prevented any current to pass. Does this sound logical?</p> <p>Lets hold off on the donation Alternator before we install a new double relay. thank you shark for locating a unit for such a great price. Do you have a line on a relay?</p>

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DurocShark Samba Contributor  Joined: 05 Apr 2004 Posts: 2125 Location: In the thin air	<p>Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 8:20 pm Post subject:</p> <p>DeathBus wrote:</p> <p>Bottomend wrote:</p> <p>Heres what happened today....</p> <p>Peter and I (the diesel bus tech dude) located what we have found to be at least, part of the problem. The double relay has a burnt PC board. Is this the type of part that goes out alot? We wern't able to check the 'puter because the relay prevented any current to pass. Does this sound logical?</p> <p>Lets hold off on the donation Alternator before we install a new double relay. thank you shark for</p>
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Yep. Shorting the relay will allow you to test and see if everything will work. A combination of relays has been described as working, but I know there has been much griping about the expense of the unit.

I don't know the part number, but BD only shows one for Vanagons, and it's \$60. Ouch.

Jumper it. 😊

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DurocShark
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Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 8:23 pm Post subject:



BTW: You STILL need an alternator, don't you? If the old one was at 4 amps, but the bus ran (sort of), then doesn't it follow that the one you swapped in is possibly the cause of the relay problem?

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Bottomend
Grease

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

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 9:11 pm Post subject:



OK, death bus.... (again, I preface this question with... 'is this how your bus got it's name?') Which power wire are you talking about? Do you have a number from the Bentley manual? I need VERY specific info because this is COMPLETELY uncharted territory. Peter can really only go by the book since he is not a VW guy. If this is a "Hippy Fix" and it actually gets the bus running, you and the Hippys can split the donation profits or something!

I asked Residue how the last few days have been for them. (I've been away from them more than I've been with them over the weekend) he said ; "we've been all over California" very nonchalantly.

I Was really surprised because I just saw them yesterday for a little over 30 minutes. I asked where they had been and he said "we went to the Hollywood walk of fame and saw breakdancers." I asked him how could doing that one thing be considered "all over California " and he said because they dont have a Hollywood walk of fame or breakdancers where he's from, that it makes it special, so he felt like they were everywhere in once at California.....ok..... (Do you see where he got his name from, now?)

It was interesting to observe the behavioral changes that have occurred in the last couple of days. They've started food rationing. I havent seen this sort of preparedness before. Waterboy has no concept of the need to conserve, so Leader is trying to talk some sense in to him. It isn't working. Residue knows he needs to show restraint but cant gather up the focus to do it. He starts out very good but crumbles quickly.

I told Leader that in a few more days, he's gonna start acting more like me. (that is... practical, resourceful ect.) And he ASSURED me that they will be gone long before that happens. These guys have learned a lesson and perhaps are about to learn an even bigger one...

They received a donation of chocolate covered raisins, organic pineapple juice and pudding. Three HUGH boxes. It was like watching three kings at a feast as they spooned the pudding and poured the pineapple while attaching things to each others dreads. I told them that they looked like monkeys picking lice from their fur to eat. Residue agreed with me that thought they looked like that. (hunger hasn't left him any less honest)
I dont think Leader wanted to admit that they had begun the slow slid towards subsisting at a subsistence level .

They are over a hump in their method of dealing with things. They are now living off the land closer than they ever

have. Probably closer than any of US have either. Being dirty HAS it's advantages. For one, you dont have to worry about getting stuff messed up. Two showers in 13 days can be isolating but the Hippys are dealing with that aspect very nicely too by haveing staked out the cul-du-sac. I told them that the defination of the word ('end of the road') was posted on the thread and they laughed I could see that the same laughter could easily have been a cover for what they might REALLY be thinking...

I had some weird bugs crawling on me today while over at thier camp and Leader said they are probably comming from his hair. Was he joking? A future source of food?

I'm loving all the Hippy Fixes for stuff. Some classic stuff here. Keep em' comming!

To all the overseas people and those who are sharing threads with other forums, please keep posting and thanks for your encouragement.

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Bottomend
Grease

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 9:20 pm Post subject:

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

We DO still need an alternator but the one that is installed right now might be OK. We will know when we take it to AutoBone and have them check it.

The part # for the relay is 323 006-b1 (bosch)

Please give me a way to "jumper the relay". I dont wanna go blowin' up stuff. (actually I do but lets be civil, k?) Can the bus actually be run like this for any lenght of time? i.e. half way across the country? I'm looking for practical experience here and not simply theroies. And small country's dont count! For example, half way across Ireland is a little differnet than what I'm talking about. (BTW, how far is half way across Ireland?)

Simple question; how long can humans live/remain sane on pure enthusiasm?

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ronan.b
Samba Contributor



Joined: 24 Jun 2004
Posts: 68
Location: ireland

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 9:22 pm Post subject:

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bottomend, hows about this as a title for the book.....

"zen and the art of hippie fixes" could be onto a winner there???? 😄😄😄

this thread is now europe wide 😄😄😄😄

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Samba Contributor



Joined: 24 Jun 2004
Posts: 68
Location: ireland

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 9:24 pm Post subject:

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Bottomend wrote:

(BTW, how far is half way across Ireland?)

from north to south halfway would be about 150miles
and from east to west halfway would be about 130miles.

pretty big huh??????

"mornin' "

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Bottomend
Grease

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 9:38 pm Post subject:

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Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999

You know, if there had actually been EVEN ONE element of zen involved with this whole fiasco I would think that the name might be worthy. But, since this whole thing has been one sob story after another I'll propose these. Tell me

Location: Smell Aye! via
Nude Hamster!

what you think... (for maximun effect, say them out loud please)

"Grease and Art's Hippy Fixes."

(Whos Art? dunno.... Anybody wanna be Art??? The job is yours for the taking.)

"The Art of Fixin' Hippys"

"Fixin' Hippy Art"

"Art, Fixin' Hippys."

"Art Fixin' Hippys"

"The Art of Fixin' Hippy Art"

"Hippy Fart Fixes"

"Fartin' Hippy Fixes"

" Fixin' A Hippys Fart"

"The Fine Art of Hip Fixin" (this one is for doctors)

"Art's Fine Art Hippy Fart Fixes"

"Fixin' Art's Fine Hippy Fart Art "

"Fine! Fix Art's Hip!"

"Find Art's Fixed Hip"

Hippy Art... A Fine Fix!

"The Fine Art of Fixin' Hippys Fine Art"

"Hippys Fixin' Art's Hip"

"Art, (Who Happens To Be A Hippy Himself) Also Fixes Hippys"

"Fine! Fix The Hipply Fixed Fine Art!" (can "hipply" be a real word? Does it even matter!?)

Thats enough. I've embarrassed enough hippys, guys named Art, those who fix things and fine people everywhere....

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westy78
Samba Contributor



Joined: 20 Aug 2002
Posts: 1041
Location: Portland OR

Posted: Tue Sep 14, 2004 10:01 pm Post subject:



Bottomend, this is one of the best tales I've ever read on any forum. What you have done is one of the top reasons I love being into VW's and the community that supports them. A more selfless group would be hard to find. Truly amazing that this thread has become world wide. Keep it up, my donation is on the way!

Oh, and here is one of my "hippy fixes" that I have done myself. I had my clutch cable snap on me about a year ago. New cable went in fine but the clevis pin was broke about half way down but enough was still there to hold the cable and barely hold the pin in the lever. Well... you know what they say "if you can't duck it f@#k it". Yep, duct tape has held that new cable in there for all this time and untill it lets loose the new pin will wait in the ash tray. 😊 There really are 101 uses for that stuff.

Jasan C.
'78 Westy

VW Campmobile, it goes on vacation with you.

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Bottomend Grease	Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 12:12 am Post subject:	quote report
Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!	I'm currently suffocating a neighbors puppy in the trunk of my other car. Works great for that too! Should only take a few more hours for the whimpering to stop completely.....	
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Devon-Dyno-Soar118 Samba Contributor	Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 3:56 am Post subject:	quote report
	On the subject of the Nobel Grease Prize, how about all of us send Grease a postcard from our town for the Hippies, it will show them how many people have contributed to their little adventure. Or maybe we could send them to the Cul-de-Sac as it sounds like they could be there a while...	
Joined: 30 Aug 2004 Posts: 250 Location: Devon UK	Back to top	
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vegaluca Samba Contributor	Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 4:12 am Post subject:	quote report
Joined: 14 Sep 2004 Posts: 11 Location: Co. Kerry, Ireland	Devon-Dyno-Soar118 wrote: On the subject of the Nobel Grease Prize, how about all of us send Grease a postcard from our town for the Hippies, it will show them how many people have contributed to their little adventure. Or maybe we could send them to the Cul-de-Sac as it sounds like they could be there a while...	
Now theres a pretty cool idea Devon !		
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steve74baywin Samba Contributor	Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 5:32 am Post subject:	quote report
Joined: 29 Dec 2003 Posts: 475 Location: FL - Tampa	I did several searches on ebay looking for a 78-79 green bus auction that ended in the last 4 weeks and came up with nothing. I don't think this bus was on ebay.	
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steve74baywin Samba Contributor	Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:13 am Post subject:	quote report
Joined: 29 Dec 2003 Posts: 475 Location: FL - Tampa	DurocShark wrote: I've done the same, but to be fair the auction could have ended more than a month ago. Unfortunately we just don't know until more detailed information comes out of the trio.	

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Steve

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autocustomz
Samba Contributor



Joined: 12 Jul 2004
Posts: 159
Location: Oklahoma City

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:17 am Post subject:



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i have also done several searches for the bus on ebay ... i am now making my third request for the ebay id of the seller of this bus ... and, in case my posts are just being overlooked, i will also send a pm to bottomend with this request ...

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autocustomz
Samba Contributor



Joined: 12 Jul 2004
Posts: 159
Location: Oklahoma City

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:22 am Post subject:



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i can guarantee that the donations will go up as soon as the ebay id of the seller is posted and/or the auction number ... that's all i am waiting for to make my contribution ...

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DeathBus
Samba Contributor



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

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:49 am Post subject:



DeathBus wrote:

Bottomend wrote:

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To test Relay Function

Set your Volt Meter to DC

Connect one test probe to terminal 85 of the double relay

While running the starter, apply the second test probe to terminal 88d. If you get no voltage the pump relay is not closing and the double relay should be replaced.

I believe you can jumper these 2?

To test Current Supply

Detach the double relay from the tank compartment panel. Connect one test probe to terminal 85.

Apply the second probe to Terminal 88y. Repeat this test by applying the second test probe to 88z. You should get voltage during both repetitions. If not current is not getting to the terminals

With the ignition turned to the running position apply the second test probe to terminal 88c. If you fail to get DC voltage current is not reaching terminal 88c from terminal 15 of the ignition coil.

While running the starter again apply the second test probe to terminal 86c you should get DC current this comes from the + terminal (15) of the coil.

Again while running the starter, apply the second probe to terminal 86a, you should get DC current this indicates you are getting DC current from the solenoid.

If Current reaches double relay terminal 86a whether the starter is running or not the wires to terminals 30 and 50 of the starter have been reversed. Correct them.

Hope this helps.

Name of Death Bus was covered about 10 pages ago. 😊😊😊

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My real name? Doug Zannis

BugBite11 wrote:

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M|dn|ght
Samba Contributor



Joined: 14 Sep 2004
Posts: 7
Location: Wisconsin

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:51 am Post subject:



It occurred to me at some point last night that you have all devised names for each other: Grease, Leader, Residue and Waterboy, but yet the very heart of the situation - that little green bus - remains without a moniker.

Now, obviously, it's not my place to name the troublesome green beast, but I'll offer a couple suggestions for consideration. With all of the support and attention this has drawn from around the world and with the bus being green, "Earth" might be a very suitable name...."Just picture a...bright green bus...just spinnin', spinnin' free, dizzy with possibilities".

In keeping with the supportive theme, the hippies - when they have money sometime in the future - could put those oval European country stickers on the bus in honor of the support they've received from Ireland, Scotland, etc.

If "Earth" doesn't float your boat, my second suggestion would be "Hope". Afterall, if this isn't the physical embodiment of hope, I don't know what is.

It occurs to me that I have a complete FI system from my 75 westy 1800cc engine (now running a 2000cc carburated). Would this be compatible with theirs? I don't want to promise anything I can't deliver on and I'm not sure I can find the system around here (haven't had a use for it), but if it could work for them, I'll sure try to look for it with the hopes of sending it out to the cul de sac.

Best of wishes for the ultimate success of Operation Help the Hippies.

"Roads stretch out like healthy veins and wild gift horses strain the reigns where even Richard Nixon has got soul." -- Neil Young

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