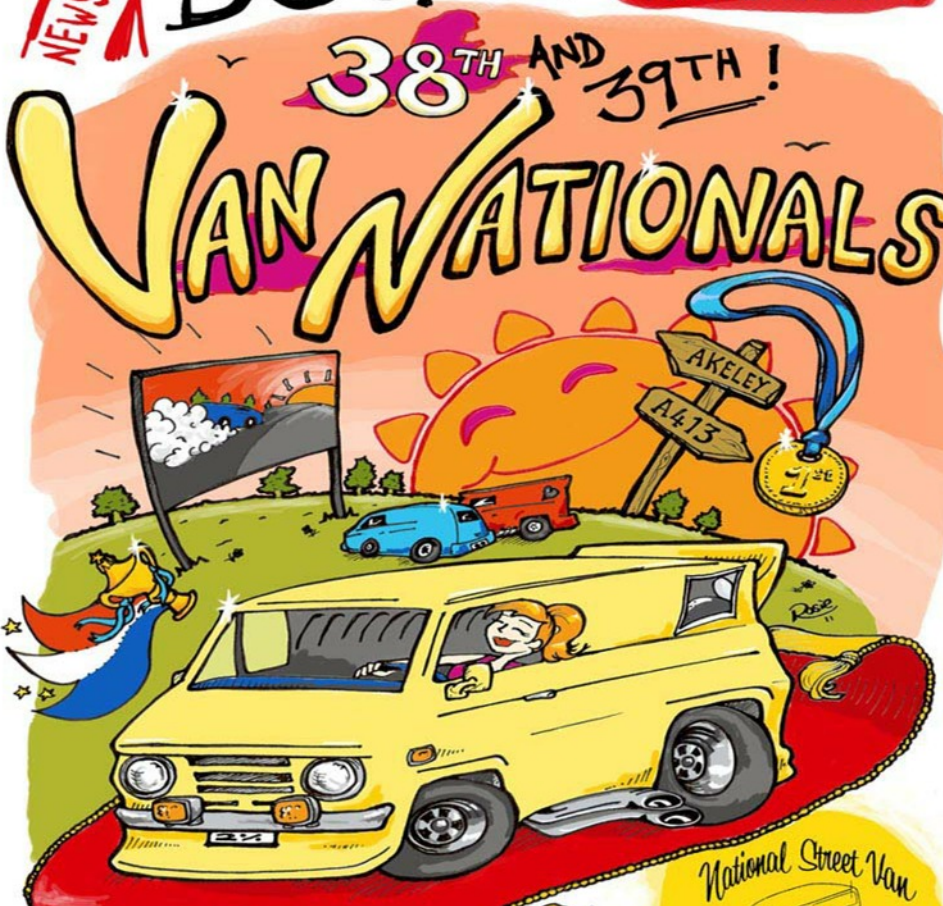


Nat's dates, & Info


NEWSFLASH BOGOF **2 VAN NAT'S FOR THE PRICE OF 1!**

38TH AND 39TH!

VAN NATIONALS



AKELEY
VILLAGE HALL Nr Silverstone MK18 5HR

National Street Van

ASSOCIATION

29th June - 1st July 2012

AT THE DRIVE IN - SHOW N SHINE - MUSIC & DISCO - MODEL DRAG RACING
TROPHIES - VANNING OLYMPICS - FANCY DRESS SAT NIGHT - BAR & FOOD

National Street Van Association

Van News. December 2011



A.G.M News in short

Full copy available on request

At the A.G.M this year there was amendments made to the NSVA constitution and a copy of it will be available at the Nat's in Akeley in June for all NSVA members to look at. While the committee was 100% behind the said amendment and we would like all members to take a look at any amendment made to our constitution.

The constitution is too big to print and publish in the news letter so having it at the Nat's will give members a chance to look at it. Proposed by Peter Lee seconded by the committee in general. Forms will be handed out to club members to accept or decline the amendment at the Nationals and the results will be printed in the following news letter.

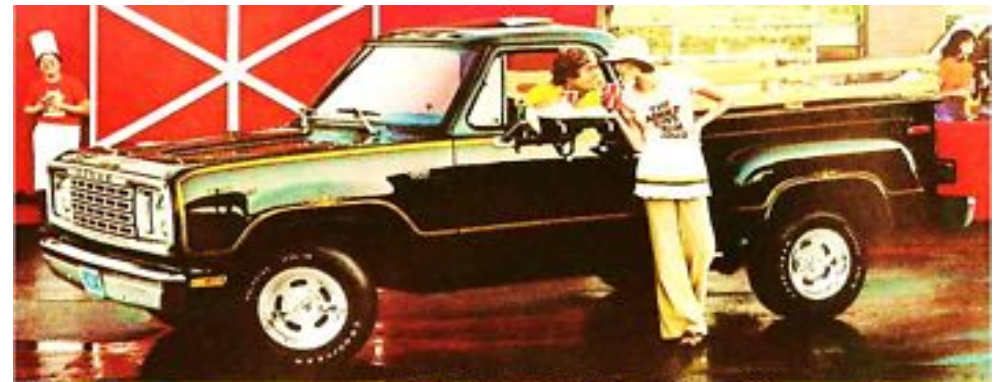
Janet Conway was made an honorary member in recognition of her hard work and devotion she has shown to the club over the years. Proposed by Peter Lee seconded by the committee in general.

Big Beefy (Mark Pallet)

Was voted in 100% of members and committee attending voted for his appointment as the new president.

The Nat's is back at Akeley next year (2012) with a bit of a sting in the tail. (see inside for details)

Stock take, bank details and all the other paperwork ascertaining to the meeting will be available for you all to view at the Van Nat's.



Street van advert 1976

The Webpage

The new NSVA webpage has gone live. It took me a while but I am quite happy with the way it has turned out and I hope you are all feeling the same when you take a look at it.

After doing the first web page some years ago I soon realized it's not as easy a task as people think."It can be updated at the drop of a hat " I hear you say !!well if that was the case then why does it cost so much to have them built and maintained ? It is far from easy to update web pages all the time if for no other reason than I have lots of other things to do with my life.Although it could be that all my computer skills are self taught and that's always a problem when trying to work out new programs in order to keep the site up to date. Having done the site ever since the first one 1997 with a small gap in the middle when Nik took it over I have got quite good at it but there are still some bits that are beyond my skills but hopefully this update will take the site a little bit nearer to what vanners think it should be.

<http://www.nsva.co.uk>

Hi All

Say it before you weigh it! Just a thought... With average scrap steel prices varying between £190 and £240 per tonne Its no surprise that our local "invisibles" are taking liberties by removing manhole covers, road signs, church roofs and in my local area even spades/forks and wheel barrows from the local allotments! Who can blame them with such high prices being paid for scrap? With my point being aimed towards vehicles, vans in our case. I have recently came across a few people deciding to "pull that old transit from the hedge and weigh it in", fair enough im thinking, but im wandering what vans can/will become the next generation of classic? I personally am looking for a Bedford/Suzuki/Vauxhall rascal for a very cheap project aimed to pass on to a new "wannabie" vanner to get them into this game, but I cant find one at a sensible price... They are fast becoming collectable as vans of this era (early to mid 90's) are still (just) easy enough to work on/repair by the average joe on his/her driveway. So before you or someone you may know of decides to throw that old nail away and take it to the scrappy, think of us, the vanner. If the engine is knackered think of us, if the front end is falling off think of us! We can put a newer or bigger engine in, we can put a new front end on. Because its what we do! Most of us don't have the luxury of modifying a brand new van, so a rusty half dead one is our only option. A classic is an obvious "I'll try it on ebay for scrap value". But a 1990's vehicle might not get that second chance of life. So my moral is, if you want it gone give us a chance before we have no vans left to play with J Say it before you weigh it! Either by emailing your local club, posting on a forum or just spreading the word. Cheers.

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Where do all the custom vans go?

It is really easy to give you the answer to this...

Freedom on wheels, if the vans a rockin don't come knocking, Bop till you drop, Party animal, Street is neat, I love my van. Just to name a few are things that have appeared on T-shirts in magazines not just in the UK but all over the world. This coupled with vans and the freedom of expression in the way they were painted and fitted out inside and made into the individual way of them expressing themselves and their deepest feelings and some of these have been amazing. Just look at the pictures on any vanning site and see just how individual they are; everyone a work of art fit for any gallery in any country in the world a canvas on wheels within the frame we call vanning.

In a strange way this has not helped vanning in any way, The artist (Vanner) starts with his blank canvas spends all his time and money making his van a part of himself, his own private portrait, keeps it looking nice and adding to it making it an extension of himself. This process could take 1 year or 10 years but one thing we all agree on is that he makes the van an extension of his personality.

all the vanners see the van and think of the vanner. It is his van and he makes it his own "why not?"

The problem arises years down the line when he comes to sell the van, maybe to do another, and start over again or he decides he has had enough of our sport and goes on his way.

So faced with the problem the vanner ends up with a van that everyone knows belongs to him and, he may not have done all the work himself, but he was the designer/owner and it has his personality all over it.

This problem is not a new one. It has always been there. "Strawberry Shaek" for sale in custom Van magazine for £600 springs to mind.

"Evergreen" is another and not so long ago this was the best but when Nigel sold it an outsider got the van and it was never seen again. He could never have sold it to a club member

Terry Boggis had a great Transit "Boggis one" sold to a vanner it turned up for 18 months he left vanning as people kept saying (Look there's Terry's old van) he got fed up left vanning took the van with him. "Boggis Two" (Dolphin dance) went to a non vanner and is gone forever. Take a second to look back.....

they are all gone for this reason

1000,s of famous custom vans from the past have gone but will never be forgotten. So what's the answer to this problem? A few years ago I would have said maybe they are in storage but the cost of doing that has gone up by about 3 million percent over the last few years and all the vans that were worth saving have been scrapped any way so that's not an option.

All you have to do is L@@K on E-bay and when custom vans turn up,mostly from way up North, Manchester & Scotland they bring real good money. Custom wheels £400 captains chairs £250 each that's with out all the other stuff. What a crying shame we did not all make it our duty to save a custom van and make it our aim in life as a club to save just some of these vans .The picture opposite will show that only a few years ago they were there for saving and when as I said you look back vans that sold for £100's are now worth £1000's. Day vans are on the floor with very low resale values now but who knows maybe one or two of these vans should be saved for a later date. Are they the ones we should be saving today?.

Keep your eyes open

There may be more



Garry Davies 1992 Dover Docks waiting for the rest of the convoy to join us for the cruise to Gullegem to the "Golden River" Run. Most of the wheelers turned up for this 5 day trip Bob & Viv along with Dave Walkington & Odette and a few others. A great weekend was had by all. All the vans, I am sorry to say, are now gone. My van & trailer sold for £10,000 to a publican in Rugby in 1999. Two of the wheelers van sold in Belgium around 1996. Seperated, my trailer, ended up with the AAA as a mobile store room for their goodies.

Ok why two van Nat's at the same time?

Well ! Let's go back about 15 years or so. After putting it to the committee we decided to go ahead with a T-shirt print that would show all the Truck-ins and Van Nat's from the day Dot. The dates would be printed out then you could tick the events you attended.

So at an AGM we put it to the membership to ask them if they could come up with all the venues and years to match so I could get the prints made up and proceed with the shirts.

So far so good

At the next committee meeting in January we took all the dates and came up with what I was told was the definite list of all the years and venues and on my next trip to an event in the USA I took over the artwork so I could have the prints made up and collect them in the summer.

That part of it all went to plan and with the prints in hand at the Nationals the committee and members were very happy with the shirts and other items and we sold 100's of the shirts.

It was not until the following Christmas at the "Bop till you drop" at Billing New Years Eve party that the S### hit the fan when someone pointed out there seemed to be one truckin missing.

So no big deal you would think ? well the only problem was that this put the whole bloody thing out ie. The 21st Nat's was the 20th the 25th was the 26th and so on. And that's not good I think you will all agree.

So the BIG question is why this year ?

Well with the 40th year of vannin coming up the committee were asked if we should put the record right as I wanted to leave everything straight for Big beefy and not leave a colossal cock up behind me for someone else to sort out, even if I was only quarter master at the time, the T-shirt was my idea so it's all for the best I think.

So what now ?

Well this year we will have two Nationals. The committee will still have to sort out the in's and out's of this momentous occasion. After the cruise on Saturday afternoon ,when coming back onto the field ,you will be entering the 39th Van Nat's after leaving the 38th Nat's just hours before. It will be a whole new event with it's own dash Plaque and other stuff.

So if you want the stuff from the 38th and the 39th Nats you had better be there early.

GRIN!

Beefys bits

Well, We did it... I got my van running in time (barely!) and you made me your pres'. Many thanks to all for both. For those assisted me to make my wheels turn and thanks to those who attended the AGM, putting you views across and making some good suggestions. Without you guys the NSVA wheels stop turning! So, onwards and upwards we go. Firstly, Our "NSVA" face book page has gone CRAZY! If your not on it you should be! I lost count of the amount of posts, pictures and comments that have been placed in the last 48 hours. Including comments from some LONG time hard core vanners from all over the globe! Also, whilst mentioning "online" activities, a BIG thanks go to Dave Watts (Evil Mc Nasty) For organising the addition of a NSVA chat section on www.rodsnsods.co.uk Some people say its not the best time for stirring up excitement for vanning with that cold stuff heading our way, but it depends on how you look at it. Yes the nights are drawing in (not far off getting lighter now), its windy, and its not exactly shorts and t-shirt weather (unless you on the southern hemisphere), BUT! I know of at least 5 vans having some serious work done on them! I've even done some work for a few of them. So its now "work" season, sorting out that leaky radiator, doing the oil change that your van needs or even getting ready for the re-spray you've been wanting (and that's just my van). Its time to shift up a gear, if the "on-line" activites are anything to go by, next years season is going to hit the ground running at some rate of knots! Don't forget to send us some of your own updates on your projects or even share with us some tips you have learnt! For those hard core vanners among us, there is a daytime meet at the Long Itch Diner in Walsgrave near Coventry. 3rd Sunday of January. Organised by the local VW T4 group. They have passed over an invite for us. There will be more info on this when it come up on the NSVA forum. If anyone feels the need to help advertise the "BOGOFF" Nats please send one of us a messgae to we can forward on some flyers for you to distribute as the more the merrier So for now it's a big Keep on Truckin' from me and ... a very merry Christmas to you all!

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Addicted to the Web

(Sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

Doorbell rings, I'm not list'nin',
From my mouth, drool is glist'nin',
I'm happy -- although
My boss let me go --
Happily addicted to the Web.
All night long, I sit clicking,
Unaware time is ticking,
There's beard on my cheek,
Same clothes for a week,
Happily addicted to the Web!
Friends come by; they shake me, Saying, "Yo, man!
Don't you know tonight's the senior prom?"
With a listless shrug, I mutter "No, man;
I just discovered laugh-a-lot-dot-com!"
I don't phone, don't send faxes,
Don't go out, don't pay taxes,
Who cares if someday
They drag me away?
I'm happily addicted to the Web!

Happ-ilyyyyyy, ad-dict-eeeed to the Weeeeeb!!!

(Yeah!)

composed by Peter Lee !!!!

A trip to Southampton

All started with a phone call from Ford asking if we could supply a few vans for a display for the press at the Southampton Plant

The Transit van club along with a few NSVA members, who belong to both clubs, turned up. I must say it turned out to be far more than that.. a five day trip that all the members will never forget.

It all started with an early drive down to Southampton to do a 12 van lineup for the press.. Breakfast supplied by Ford with the press asking lots of questions followed by live music, a big Bar-B-Q and some TV work this seemingly small event ended up in two major news papers and on national TV it was an amazingly good day.

It was put on for the press to commemorate 100 years of Ford .

The Video ended up on Utube.

Take a look

[L@@K](#)

But that's not the end of this story as you can see in the video we were also invited to Goodwood revival for the weekend with an all expenses paid weekend away and some nice goodies as well. Breakfast, lunch and dinner and a drive round the famous Goodwood track with 100 vehicles. Entrance to the pits and the press stands as well.

I must say it was an amazing event with thousands of cars worth millions of pounds and the races were great with all sorts of people and other stuff going on all over the weekend. The best part for me was to see eight spitfires fly over head at one time.

The cruise is again on Utube

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