

# VW Owners LT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UNTIL YOU OWN ONE YOU CAN NEVER TRULY UNDERSTAND

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members!

- IT'S AN OWNERS CLUB
  - IT'S A SEARCHABLE FORUM
  - IT'S AN ANNUAL SHOW
  - IT'S AN ONLINE 'FLIPPING BOOK' MAGAZINE TOO!!
- IN FACT...
- IT'S EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
- ...ALL IN ONE PLACE!!

AND IT'S RUN BY CLASSIC LT OWNERS FOR CLASSIC LT OWNERS!!

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## **FRESH MEAT**

**BY RAISING THE PROFILE  
OF THESE CLASSIC VEHICLES,  
THEY WILL BECOME  
MORE DESIRABLE  
TO A MUCH  
WIDER AUDIENCE  
WHICH WILL IN TURN  
INCREASE THEIR VALUE  
AND MAKE CURRENT OWNERS  
VERY HAPPY!**

Not me, although I only joined Facebook in April 2015, but the new members with professionally converted LTs which seem to be surfacing.

Trawling through eBay and Gumtree and the like for the something different can be fun, but finding a hitherto unheard of model just creates more questions. The LT had ceased production by the time the internet was in the home and so the flurry of Googling often turn up naught, or at least information which is not new. I have emailed companies which are still trading, having found an LT converted by them, but had nothing back.

The LT was, in the main, a working van to everyone apart from those who had shelled out a considerable sum to purchase a camper, and would hardly have been held in high regard, certainly not high enough to save the sales brochures and so on.

This why when new members with an unusual model join, I am there immediately asking for any information. I do the same on Brickyard. You never know what will come out of the damp woodwork. The information which is volunteered is shared to the Files area of VoLT as soon as I am able. Of course you can add to the section too, good quality scans of brochures are invaluable for those wanting to return a delapidated camper to its' original condition. It is also an excellent way to save printed material for the future.

Get rummaging people, the more eyes looking the more will be found.

Chris Batey





# BACK TO ZEE FARZERLAND!

It's the 26th year that a group of German LT owners have been meeting up with their vans to share their love and knowledge of these wonderful vehicles, and this year a dedicate group of VOLT-ers (really? how many?!) made what should become an annual pilgrimage over to central northern Germany to join in. Here is an abridged version of Tim's journal entry which you can read in full here: [goo.gl/D2fzrB](http://goo.gl/D2fzrB). Tim has also created a short video of the trip which you can see here: [goo.gl/NkTks5](http://goo.gl/NkTks5).

## Thursday 12th May

Ed & I met at Dover docks after a mad dash across the south east after work. Although originally 5 vans had shown interest as the time got nearer various external influences reduced the group to just 2. We tried to get Ed's CB radio working (and failed) before being ushered into the P&O ferries' hold. Once on board we had a hearty curry before hitting France.

Ed's van is no ordinary LT. In fact we were even slightly nervous that it might not be well received at the German LT meet, as it is in fact now mostly Lexus! As I was in the slower vehicle Ed tailed me respectfully slowing down as I struggled up any hills. We knew we had a long journey ahead so we'd decided to drive on for a couple of hours before parking up. The roads were blissfully empty and we made it as far as Antwerp before turning off the motorway, driving through a village, finding a lane and eventually pulling up in a large parking area beside a disused barn by a big field before kipping down for a short night at 3am.

## Friday 13th May

We needn't have worried about setting alarm clocks! At 6am there was a horrendous rumbling noise that shook us both from our deep sleeps. Turns out that we'd parked directly at the end of the Antwerp airport runway! By opening up the blind on my new midi heki skylight I could see lowered landing gear on commercial airlines within a few feet of me! Hilarious & terrifying in equal measure.

We leapt up, cooked a fry up, jumped back in our cockpits and fired up our old girls and set off enetually making our destination at around 5pm.

The fantastic sight of a field of all very different LT's was a welcome one. Long-time organisers Dan & Andrea greeted us and got us parked up. There was interest in us straight away!

We had a wonderful first evening - a long table formed and sausages and steaks were shared. We put several faces to names from the VOLT group - notably Andreas and Manuel. A fun evening of multi-lingual banter ensued!

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### Saturday May 14th

After a truly great nights sleep we woke in what seemed like some sort of unicorn-land with the magical view on waking of 20 LTs parked around our riverside campsite field. Another cooked breakfast ensued and new friends Matti-us & Andreas (another one) came and tried one of Ed's turbo coffees (I wholeheartedly recommend them!)

After setting out a little table of VOLT merchandise the morning involved a slow wander round the fields speaking broken English (them and us!) to the interesting crowd of German vanners, many of whom knew eachother going years back. There was a real family feel, as though everyone had grown up in the LT scene, with second generations of various ages around to help organise and cajole.

The vans were ace! There was a super-high top MAN LT40 with many custom-buit features; lots of interesting and clever rear racks, boxes & lights; one of the cleanest, latest Floridas I have ever seen; some minty looking Karmanns; some previously unseen, and potentially bespoke conversions, and some small batch ones too, including Mauel's lovely coachbuilt. Best in show though had to go to an enormous LT40 4x4 dismountable owned by oraniser Andreas (yes the other one). Climbing both underneath and inside was a real inspiration. Check out the video for a brief tour: [goo.gl/NkTks5](http://goo.gl/NkTks5) The dismountable cabin itself cost in excess of £20k!

After a brief trip into town (I say brief as Ed drove us in his rocket!) and some sticker & T shirt swapping as well as an opportune purchase of some rocking-horse poo spare parts, a communal barbecue was lit and gigantic packs of sua-sages cooked for a banquet dinner in the huge marquee erected for the event. Everyone was very happy to chat (if they could), share schnapps, and help translate but all-in-all this was a great trip that VOLT should repeat every year.

The Germans were suitaby impressed by Ed's Lexus engine conversion, although they admitted that this kind of work would never be approved by the TUV, the German equivalent of the MOT, so they just had to gaze in wonder!

### Sunday May 15th

After a relative early departure from the campfire surrounded by our jolly new friends Ed & I turned in ready for an agreed 5am start. This was essential as the journey still took longer than planned. Maybe it was the picnic, maybe the kip, but we caught a later ferry home than planned. 700kms each way, and 14 hours door-to-door on the way back! The best bit - our vans loved the trip, and we of course loved driving them :)

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# PEOPLE AND THEIR MACHINES...

## András Félegyházy and his 4x4 extra-high top conversion

Several of us know Andreas and have heard of his mythical fibre glass roofing skills! This month we are very proud to feature an as yet unsung gallery of his work on his big rig.

The bus was previously a camper with windows all round, which presumably meant that it was a bus in an even earlier life. It has been owned by a wind farm company and a doctor who had it in his possession for 15 years according to the papers.

We love it. Great work András



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# VWLT

## KARMANN KORNER

The series 1 VW LT Karmann is the best of both worlds - the classic mid-engine mounted chassis with the luxury of heritage coachbuilt class & size on the back - but they aren't without their issues just as with the beloved panel van. This month we shine a spotlight on...



Trevor Flangepants (is that his real name?!) owns this barn-stored beauty. A true classic in great nick under all that shed dust!

Rory Clifford is doing what many others have also done and peered behind his interior wall lining to find damp to warrant a complete refit.



From the German LT Freunde forum user Tomhro has been detailing his restoration. It's quite a work of art and the amount of detail he has put into documenting the work is something our community can benefit from too.

NB If you browse this link using Google's Chrome browser it will auto-translate: [goo.gl/DibWeP](http://goo.gl/DibWeP)



This truly magnificent specimen is one of a kind - a Karmann coachbuilt on an LT 4x4 chassis. Little is known about it but it really is the best of all worlds - a go-anywhere camper on our favourite chassis.



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***THANKS FOR READING!***

## ***MERCHANDISE***

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## ***EVENTS***

***NSVA Nationals, Akeley, Buckinghamshire, June 25th***

***Camper Jam, Weston Park, Shropshire, July 1st***

***- ensure you book with VOLT club camping***

***Whitenoise, Euston Park in Thetford, Norfolk, August 4th***

***- VOLT club camping***

***Don't forget to visit the swapmeet to buy and sell your LT goodies***