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- 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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WHY DO WE NEED IT?

**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!**

There seems to be a general feeling that the classic Series 1 Volkswagen LT has been gaining in popularity - especially over the last couple of years. It's about time! Those of us who are long term owners of these vehicles know only too well that they offer a level of space, versatility, ruggedness and sheer 'je ne sais quoi' that is beyond the reach of any Splitty, Bay, Wegde or modern Transporter. And yet these smaller vehicles achieve the kind of second hand values that LT owners can only dream of. Why? Because from as early as the 1950's they have been associated with freedom (in all its' forms), and an 'alternative' lifestyle which included sex, drugs and even rock 'n' roll (in the form of a bed). They became 'cool'.

But a similar profile and caché has so far eluded classic LTs, and many owners will be wondering why. After all, LTs are VWs too, and we (their owners) have been known to 1. procreate, 2. pop the occasional paracetamol (especially if the ladies who are prone to use this play to validate their reason for not being forthcoming on item 1 above!) and 3. stumble about with a rocking, rolling gait when searching for the emergency alcohol in the early hours of the morning - a task necessitated by the discovery that all the allocated supplies may have been abducted by aliens (because "we certainly can't have drunk them all - we've hardly started!")

Desirability can be a self-perpetuating phenomenon - the more popular these pesky Transporters became, the more their owners pumped and polished them - re-trimmed and ratted them - lowered and lacquered them... and the even more people wanted them!

Not many have lavished the love on their LTs in the past. But how things are changing. There are not that many Series 1s left in serviceable condition, so at long-last discerning owners are beginning to restore and refurbish them, cuddle and customise them, preserve them and be proud of them. And that's brilliant news!

Now it's important that we share that new-found love - amongst ourselves and with new potential owners. But we need a purpose-built medium through which to do it - one that has a real WOW factor.

That's why we need the all-new VOLT newsletter!

Guest editorial by Andy Jones



...AND WHAT'S THE PLAN?

While we're mostly in love with our old vans because they are in essence very analog, the nature of knowledge today is very much digital. While we're happy to embrace the community spirit of social media networking there is still as ever the need to archive information for the benefit of others.

There are several initiatives in place to do this. Obviously back in the VW fatherland there are many long-standing resources of information such as the wonderful LT Freunde group, and in particular their Wiki. Here in the UK we have the long standing Brick Yard forum, and more recently the joys of Facebook. However as the same old questions keep coming up, a searchable, easy to use English text knowledgebase is needed and in conjunction with this magazine we now have <http://vwlt.co.uk>. This website run by editor Tim Aldiss has been built to allow all the functionality found elsewhere - a forum, a wiki, a blog - meaning anyone & everyone can contribute, whether it's just asking questions, posting comments or writing up guides to common jobs. And remember - it will all remain searchable in Google as long as Tim's involved!

Of course there's also still the real world and if anything the one thing LT owners share in common is that we are outsiders - but that doesn't mean that we aren't a friendly bunch and all enjoy meeting up for a good old chinwag. This is where many a project idea springs from. This in turn perpetuates the best thing about LT's - most of them are unique!

We really hope you enjoy this magazine and welcome your feedback.



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PEOPLE AND THEIR MACHINES... NOAH AND THE RED WHALE

Noah is new to VOLT and to LT's. He's a bit adventure-mad having previously ridden a KTM through 42 countries over 2 1/2 years! I caught up with him on Facebook on his current trip which involved buying the LT and flying from his home in the US to Scotland to pick it up and do some work on it. He has now embarked on a voyage that Noah hopes will see him driving the rig all the way across Europe and northern Asia to eventually have it shipped back to the US. Ian McGilvary did the original conversion adding a high top to this beautiful ex-firetruck. Noah had the following 3 criteria for his van choice: it needed to be older than 25 years; he had to be able to stand up inside; and it needed to be 4x4:

Q. Where u at?

A. Somewhere in Russia. North of sochi, East of Ukraine

Q. Brilliant. Snow still?

A. Yeah, not in Sochi. I'm heading deeper into Siberia and Kazakhstan

Q. Very cool. Travelling alone?

A. Now yea. Sometime I convince a nice Russian girl to road trip with me

Q. lol, nice, nice. How's the van doing, and how much work did you have done on her/it after you bought?

A. Van is good. Had her airborne today accidentally Hit a speed bump with no warning in dark going way to fast

Q. Oops. Any suspension mods or stock 4x4? Would have been nice to have a Go Pro beside the road for that!

A. Stock 4x4

Q. You added the high top right?

A. Not me. I built rear bumper and added tires

Q. Can I ask who you bought it from?

A. Syncro nutz - Ian McGlivery from Scotland. If I could drive a Unimog in Europe on my license.. I might have bought one

Q. Why this trip?

A. Why not?

Q. So what interior you got in the van?

A. Westfelia. I'm going to change it I think

Q. So did you pick a name for your van Noah?

A. Not yet. Waiting to name her after the Russian girl who deserves



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Events:

Volksworld, Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, 2nd,3rd April

LT Freunde annual German meet up, Yachthafen Dreiländereck, Germany, 14th May

NSVA Nationals, Akeley, Buckinghamshire, June 25th

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