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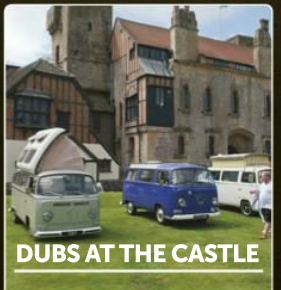
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Well, unsurprisingly Santa did not bring me a fire truck for Christmas, but he did send me this picture of a mint, fully original 1966 version at the Utah Classic VW show, which is as good as it gets till I win the lottery! (Watch out for an upcoming feature on this beauty). Nor did I get a two tone California, but there are some lovely pictures inside this issue of the at the IAA in Hannover! But I did get my two front teeth, which is all I really wanted! So now I can smile at people again without scaring them or looking like a stand in for that Corsodyl ad!

Christmas must have been uppermost in my subconscious when compiling the feature buses for this issue, as the colours of red and white seem to have taken over! Original paint, patina rat, shiny resto, brand new custom, we have the whole spectrum! A 1966 13 window Deluxe Microbus in "barn find" condition with sun-bleached paint and battle-scarred body oozes character and charm but don't be fooled by its looks! The cheekily 2WD badged T3 with raised suspension and syncro style wheel arches may look ready for rugged action but is still a "work in progress" according to its owner. Showing what's possible when the starting point is basically a rolling shell, a '73 red and white themed custom camper sports a striking interior to match its one off body colour, whilst at the opposite end of the spectrum is a brand new T6 Weekender, fitted with a Rolling Homes bespoke interior designed round a state of the art ICE equipment. A former Early Bay



1966 Fully equipped Fire Truck

Microbus, latterly used / abused as a hire camper, has been given a new lease of life and had its Microbus heritage re-invented. Finally this month we have a beautifully restored 1958 single cab Pick Up, which has basically been in the same family since the early sixties. Many hours' work went into getting the beaten up truck looking like it now does, and we just love the distinctive two tone red and ivory paint scheme, period correct colours combining to create a factory special order look.

Lovers of vintage buses and period photos will be in bus heaven this month as Brochure Line digs up an early 60's VW publication that found the oldest surviving buses – including #00044 built in April 1950! We run the circuit at Le Mans, storm a Welsh castle, travel to the tip of South America, head off to USA to check out the Utah Classic,

and drop in on the IAA in Hannover to check out the latest VW commercials – round the world in 80 pages! (Well you know what I mean ...). And check out the pictures of the Rail Bulli – a guest of honour at a Dutch Historic Railway event.

Another year starts now, already we are planning to take a road trip up the west coast of Scotland and a run over to the Hessisch Show. Catch up with me at Camper Mart or Dubfreeze and tell me about your plans!



Drive your bus;
Enjoy your bus

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Utterly Utah

September sunshine greeted over 240 Volkswagens that had filled Riverton's City Park for the annual Utah VW Classic.

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- 1: Totally gorgeous stock Samba
- 2: Bay Window
- 3: Rail Baja in Herbie livery
- 4: Some of the 40 proud award winners
- 5: This lucky raffle ticket holder took home a fully dressed and running engine!
- 6: Porsche parade

The great thing about this event is it's all free, with the aim of bringing together VW lovers to raise money for charity. This annual event is going strong, now in its 7th year and each year this event raises money for a program called "Bussin' for Santa". The Utah Transporter Association chooses a family to sponsor during the holidays. They use the proceeds from the show to purchase gifts for the deserving family, and deliver them with a huge caravan of vintage Buses. It's a very unique and rewarding cause!

Folks in town early were treated to an open house event at SouthTowne Volkswagen. More than forty VWs lined the street outside the dealership, and the attendees had the chance to relax, meet new friends, and even grab a bite to eat from Bumblebee's KBBQ & Grill food truck. As a casual affair, people

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- 7: Star spangled buggy
- 8: Utah Transporter Crew with their "Utah Dash" award
- 9: How low can you go?

came and went as it suited their schedules, and all had a good time.

Early Saturday, the park began to fill with VWs, old and new. The grounds are cleverly marked with road signs to show each area; Bug Haven, Bay Window, and Type Three Street to name a few. Show parking

was a breeze with the direction of the host club. Before you knew it, the park was nearly full of show cars and swappers. Walking through the area, you could find just about everything. Kombis, campers, panels and deluxes were plentiful for the Bus lovers. Beetles of every sort



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