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Doug Firman : 9/7/2008; 8:44:04 PM

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If you've been missing that drive on Road 63 to the Bull of the Woods trailheads this season, here's just the thing for you. A **video** taken from the front seat of a VW bus heading up the Collawash on the section of road that's now closed. There's no narrative, but the sound of that air-cooled engine purring along is music to the heart of guys like me. My first new car was a **1967 VW bug**, and several of my friends had VW buses. It's great to see those old VWs out on the road. I wonder how things would have looked along the Clackamas and the Collawash when those buses were new?

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Re: Road 63 video**Bill Cattrall** : 9/8/2008; 3:41:50 AMReads: 455, Responses: 1 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

I am a bug man myself, '59. I always thought we stayed on the right of the yellow lines.

Bill

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Re: Road 63 video**Donovan** : 9/8/2008; 8:25:58 AMReads: 450, Responses: 0 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

Whoa. I'm still hanging on to my seat. Nice convoy. If I ever have a convoy coming towards me like that, I 'll be sure to pull over for the videographer.

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Re: Road 63 video**Robert Kosciak** : 9/8/2008; 6:16:19 PMReads: 433, Responses: 2 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

Small small world! The white bus in front is mine, a '69 Westfalia that takes me on many Clackamas adventures. Last week was up at Twin Springs. The video was taken by my friend Jason on our way to one of our VW campouts. We've been having a Hunter's Moon camp at the Collowash and Elk Lake Cr every October, but now we've got to go someplace else this year...

We usually camp together every couple months. Our last trip was up at Hambone, we had 8 buses up there. In a couple of weeks a few of us are heading out to Middle Santiam. Nothing better than a bus in the mountains, high clearance and fantastic lower gearing. Plus I can fix the damn thing myself more or less.

Thanks for posting! Very interesting to see where familiar things pop up.

<http://i193.photobucket.com/albums/z31/spiffy78/IACHuntersMoonCampout049.jpg>

<http://i193.photobucket.com/albums/z31/spiffy78/IACHuntersMoonCampout061.jpg>

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Re: Road 63 video

Doug Firman : 9/8/2008; 8:28:21 PM

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Bob,

I came across another set of **photos** which appear to be related to your group. I was doing a Google search for "Collawash" looking for photos and so forth and that's where I found all these things. Is that your white bus in these pics? Where do you camp when you go to the Collawash/Elk Lake Creek?

Man, if I had a bus, I'd go with you guys. I still drive a VW, but it's an 03 Passat with 4Motion, leather seats and all the bells and whistles. It just wouldn't fit in, would it? But I have fond memories of camping trips in my friends' buses (one bus was named "Betsy") back in the 60s and 70s.

Keep on keepin' on!!

Doug

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Re: Road 63 video

Robert Koscik : 9/9/2008; 5:40:26 AM

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Yeah that's me and the other goons. There are a few places to camp in that area, it's even not bad next to the trailhead. It's a little easier with the camper though. Where did you camp back in the 70s?

If you ever decide to get back into the aircooled world, this is a great resource:

www.itinerant-air-cooled.com lots of Portland folks there too.

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