



Swap meet hunters were out bright and early, seeking deals.

Taylor Nelson's 1963 Riviera Camper doubled as club booth.

Richard Kimbrough took home the Sympathy and Swiss Cheese Awards!

Tory Christina's "nice '64 Double Cab.

A rare double-fold-down seat in an equally rare firebus!

The super-stretch Kombi of Kettlewagen Corn.

One of two firebuses that came out for the day.

Just some of the many buses at the post-show BBQ.

For any event organizer, driving through a huge downpour on the way to your own event can be disheartening. Thankfully, one large squall 30 miles north of The Red Barn was all the rain anyone saw on Saturday April 6. Mother Nature may have kept the rain at bay, but definitely not the hundreds of people who showed up for the show, swap and raffle.

Held once again at The Red Barn just north of Salinas, Calif., the Silicon Valley Chapter of Strictly Vintage 2s was able to nearly double the amount of available space, giving one whole area to swappers and one whole area to show Buses. Bus owners and lovers came from as far away as Washington State and New Mexico to participate in this year's event.

One of the most interesting Buses came down from Oregon. The folks of Kettlewagen Corn drove down in a stretched Kombi, complete with double-hinged cargo doors and popped sweet-smelling corn all day long. Richard Kimbrough and his 1961 Rustybus Standard drove all the way out from Mesa, Ariz., and had to swap engines along the way, too!

The Red Barn featured Friday night camping for those who wanted an early start on Saturday's festivities. Some people, however, wanted

BRING YOUR OWN BUS 2002

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a really early start and began showing up at the barn by noon on Friday! By the time dawn broke over the Barn on Saturday, nearly the entire swap area was packed with Buses and owners already looking for deals.

Buses of every type and persuasion flowed in throughout the morning. Barndoor was big this year, and it seemed like Campers and

A very original Panel Bus with, even more, original panels!

Commercials still outnumbered the Kombis and Deluxes.

The Most Coveted Bus won for the second year in a row by Bob Flagg of San Jose, Calif. Best Accessory went to Meredith Scheff of San Rafael, Calif., who has a pair of Westfalia screens designed for the driver's and passenger's sliding front windows. Very unusual! After the official count, the grand total of buses inside the gates was a whopping 111, nearly doubling the amount of Buses that came out last year.

The Southern California chapters of SV2s caravaned up with nine buses to support the Northern California chapter and members from both ends of the state lent a hand all day long to help park Buses, sell merchandise and raffle tickets. Shops and individuals from all over Northern California and elsewhere donated items to what became a huge raffle! Items ranged from simple antenna balls and books to a new set of fog lamps and a windshield and rubber set! The

ultimate prize of the day, however, was a copy of the incredible Busopoly, a bus-oriented version of Monopoly.

After the show, the SV2s crew enjoyed a relaxing post-show BBQ put on by the Silicon Valley Chapter.

Bring Your Own Bus 2002 was a big success and the club would like to give big thanks to the folks at the Red Barn, Brian Roth for some awesome artwork, all the club members who helped out, all the shops who donated raffle items, every single person who brought their own bus, and

the hundreds of bus enthusiasts who came out to support the hobby. The Silicon Valley Chapter would like to give a very special thank you to Richard Stewart, who originally started the swap meet at the Red

Barn. Keep digging those buses out of the woodwork, get them running, and get them ready for Bring Your Own Bus 2003!



SV2s members relax at the post-show BBQ after a long day.

AWARDS Best Accessory - Meredith Scheff, San Rafael, CA - 1965 Westfalia Sympathy Award - Richard Kimbrough, Mesa, AZ - 1961 Kombi Swiss Cheese Award - Richard Kimbrough, Mesa, AZ - 1961 Ragtop Standard Best Unoriginal Bus - Alejandro Miranda, Salinas, CA - 1962 Panel Best Original Bus - Dave Barnes, Concord, CA - 1963 15-Window Deluxe Most Coveted Bus - Bob Flagg, San Jose, CA - 1967 EZ Camper