

## Free to a good home...

Six large panels of Mahler Hayley style display stand with various connector bits – Kescrg has been loaned some new display stands so Ian would like some of his garage back! Please phone Dr Liz on 07711 955973 for further details!

## WRG *isn't* Appealing!

Well done folks, we've done it!! WRG is not appealing any more! The only thing left to say is a huge THANK YOU to every one who has contributed in any way. You are all wonderful people, and I hope to see you all on a restoration project where you can see all the new kit in action.

Lots of love n hugs

Dr liz

## Handy hints and tips for the new Minibus

The new minibus is quite different from the old Transits. Here are some useful tips:

1. Yes, it is quite long and you do have to treat it with some respect however don't be scared by it. The only time you REALLY notice the length is when you come to park it... You will need two spaces, one behind the other. The other thing to note is the long overhang at the back, watch out when doing a tight turn next to things (trees, lamp-posts, walls etc) as the back will swing out somewhat.
2. Yes, the side door really does only open that far, this is because of the lower step needed compared to VOJ. There are no secret catches to open it all the way.
3. It has TWO wheels each side at the back. If you are leaving a site with a stoned or hardcore surface, stop when you get to the road and check nothing is between the two tyres. If something is stuck, not only will this wreck the tyre but it can really spoil the day of the driver behind when half a brick leaves your back wheels at 60mph.
4. While we are talking of doing 60mph... It is quite quick. Keep an eye on the speed, especially if you have just got out of another van. Unlike most vehicles where the speedometer over reads, this one is calibrated as it is linked to the tacho, therefore when it says 60mph, it means 60mph. Remember there is a "spy in the cab" (or tachograph) which will record your speed. At best Roger will give you a bollocking, at worst it will be used in a court of law.
5. Ah yes, the tachograph. A more complex and irritating tachograph I have yet to see! To get your disc back you need the ignition ON, press the eject button and the lights will do a "Knight Rider" impression, when they change to flashing on alternate sides press the eject button again and the disc drawer will finally let you have your disc back.

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**...including how to drive the new minibus...**

6. Another catch with the tacho unit, you need to slot the disc under the bit at the back then push it down onto the center spigot bit (this will be obvious when you do it). DO NOT push it down all the way around the edge, the disc will jam and get chewed up. Oh yes, and remember that the disc goes in with the side that is recorded on **upwards**.
7. Tacho unit again I'm afraid. The mode (driving/rest/other work) is indicated by three green LED's that are difficult to see in the day. Don't worry too much if you forget to change the unit over to work, as soon as the vehicle moves the trace will change to drive automatically (although the LED will still show rest).
8. In the old buses you had a button on the dashboard to turn on the back interior lights, there isn't a button anymore, however if you turn the UPPER of the two interior lights in the front, as if by magic they will all come on (the same is true of VOJ).
9. Yes, you can tow with it! Hooray! Unfortunately it has (or at the time of writing, had - one is now completely flat, oops) two enormous steps at the back, expressly designed to get demolished when you turn the trailer around (even doing a tight U turn without reversing is enough to badly bend them, trust me on this). If maneuvering the trailer it may be a good idea to remind your banksman to keep an eye of the towbar area.....
10. To turn the foglights on, pull out the headlight switch. A small orange light to remind you they are on is cunningly hidden from view so remember to turn them OFF again.
11. It has air conditioning which will no doubt be a bonus in the summer but it does affect the fuel consumption so remember to turn it off when you are not using it. Also, the air conditioning comes on automatically to de-humidify the air when you have the heater direction set to the windscreen, this helps it to demist the screen quickly. Once the screen has cleared, turn the control back from the windscreen position slightly to allow the air conditioning (and huge fans at the front of the van) to cut out. Try and use the air conditioning for ten minutes or so at least once a week even if you don't need it as this prevents the compressor from getting damaged due to lack of use.

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