

Legend of Lucky LeCarr

September 23, 2007 -- Lucky drove into the coastal town of Lincoln City, Oregon heart broken and in need of repair. Even the beauty of the Pacific Ocean driving up scenic Highway 101 couldn't lift his spirits, his brakes were failing, tires nearly bald and the winding road sent chills up his tail-pipe. Lucky (who wasn't yet named Lucky) a 1993 Mercury Villager Mini-van had driven thousands of miles across the country and had 232,050 kilometers (approximately 143,800 miles) on its odometer since it started its life on the showroom floor at a Quebec dealership.

The mini-van was hundreds of miles from its home in Canada. It was being driven by a young French-Canadian woman "Sylvie" who purchased "Lucky" for \$1900.00 (Canadian Dollars) for a scenic trip throughout the United States. We don't know at this time too much about Sylvie but we do know she had a difficult decision to make as she was nearing the end of her epic journey. The adventurer needed to spend the remainder of your travel funds on repairs for her trusty vehicle (that also served as her roadside camper) or purchase a ticket to fly home.

Her car was sitting at Les Schwab Tires when Sylvie was befriended by a Lincoln City resident, who agreed to drive her 100 miles to Portland so she can take a flight from PDX to her home in Toronto.

With that Sylvie bid farewell to her auto and handed the keys to the Les Schwab manager. Day after day the little Canadian Mini-van sat in the parking lot its fate unknown. It looked like the wrecking yard was its next stop. The little van was scared, alone, hundreds of miles from home, not one French speaking car anywhere in sight and "Oui" certain his life will soon come to an end.

Luckily, Pat Dean the manager at Les Schwab heard of the "Stuff-A-Bus" program for school supplies that was going on at Tanger Outlet. Pat and his team put new tires and brakes on the little van and drove it over to Tanger to be sold to help school kids. Diane the General Manager at Tanger Outlet and Roger Robertson a radio host for KBCH gladly received the little van; and a short while later, a North Lincoln Fire & Rescue fireman happened along and saw the tired old vehicle and thought why not auction the van off for the good cause it seemed destined for. That was the birth of auctioning off "Lucky LeCarr" for the Lincoln City's schools "Backpack" program that Roger's wife Pat Robertson was in charge of. The Backpack program sends children in need home with a Backpack full of food and supplies every week-end.

There was one little problem, even though Lucky was again as mechanically sound as a 1993 car can be, it looked like it was driven cross country and slept in; which of course it was. The fireman had an idea, let's clean Lucky up and

stuff it full of stuff, like stuff-a-bus and people would love to take him home and bid not just on Lucky but on all the goodies inside as well.

Within hours people all over Lincoln City heard about Lucky (good thing a radio announcer was near by) and folks from Oil Can Henry's, Car Audio 101 and Attention to Auto Detail came to help Lucky. First, the fireman took Lucky to firehouse to meet the Fire Engines and Ladder Truck and to get a complete hand washing and engine degreasing, then he got a complete physical (oil change, lube and new air filter) from Oil Can Henry's, from there he was off to the spa for another washing, interior and exterior, carpet shampoo, engine detailing and waxing at Attention to Auto Detail, he felt like the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz being buffed and cleaned in the Emerald City; next he saw the sound man at Car Audio 101 who scheduled him an appointment for a complete new stereo system, Rescue 8 Productions felt Lucky should always be prepared so he put together a Car Survival Kit with tools and supplies for his occupants and Station 3 Embroidery built Lucky his own backpack with "Lucky LeCarr" embroidered on it.

More and more people heard about Lucky and soon a gas station man at Carson's Oil said "I'll fill Lucky up with gas and give a \$50 Chevron card so he can travel worry free", the woman at Cape Fowl Weather Coffee saw Lucky getting detailed and said I'll give him his own coffee mug, some fresh coffee beans and a T-shirt for his new driver, a surfer who owned a shop said "let's give him a skim-board another T-shirt with Nelscott Reef on it so doesn't forget our town and a DVD of the Nelscott Reef Tow-In Classic"; Tanger Outlet gave him a \$100 dollar gift card and a bag full of beach goodies so he'd remember the beach, All Ways Traveling gave a 50 dollar gift certificate and Road House 101 (they love cars) tossed in a hooded sweat-shirt and a couple of 101 hats.

Lucky couldn't believe...well his luck; he is clean, admired by other cars driving up and down Highway 101 and if the story couldn't get any more fantastic he was going to the Classic Car Show at Chinook Winds Casino this weekend to be shown off.

Now, you can be lucky too.

Just bid on Lucky (a.k.a. "The Beater with a Heater") at Les Schwab, Power Ford in Lincoln City or at KBCH radio.

Place your bid along with your contact information in a sealed envelope and five dollars for the "Backpack" school program and you might take Lucky and all his "stuff" home with you.

Bids will be open October 31st, 2007 highest bid gets "Lucky" and stuff.

Lucky LeCarr "Stuff-A-Car"

Sponsors to Date

Les Schwab Tires	New Tires and Brakes on "Lucky"
Tanger Outlets	\$100 Tanger Gift Card & Beach Basket
Car Audio 101	New Stereo System
Attention To Auto Detail	Complete Auto Detail done on "Lucky"
Rescue 8 Productions	Car Survival Kit and Tools
Nelscott Reef Surf Shop	Skim Board, DVD and Nelscott Reef T-Shirt
Chinook Winds	Gift Certificates "Better at the Beach"
Carson Oil Company	Fill Up in "Lucky" & \$50 Chevron Card
Oil Can Henry's	Complete Oil Change, Lube and Air Filter
All Ways Traveling	\$50 Travel Gift Certificate
Cape Fowl Weather Coffee	Bag of Coffee, Car Mug and T-Shirt
Station 3 Embroidery	"Lucky LeCarr" Embroidered Back Pack
Road House 101	Hoody Sweatshirt and Two 101 Hats

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