Good evening, Vanners and happy Mother's Day!

So, it always seems like the first thing I talk about in these blogs is I should've written sooner or more often. I want to apologize for not giving you more updates more often, but it has been quite an exciting last few months.

So, I'll start with our second set of visitors from France. Just in the last four months we have had six people from France, a couple from Denmark, a couple from England and Australian and Spain.

The museum has been very active since Thanksgiving of last year. the Christmas party was a rounding success with over 140 people attending from 13 different states Canada and the UK. And we have been nonstop with visitors since. It has really been a great winter into spring for promoting the museum. Thank all of you for your support, your donations, and all of your positive thoughts.

So, our membership coordinator Susie has told me that I need to remind everyone about your membership renewals. A good portion of our memberships originate April 1st and are now due. Please remember your ongoing commitment with the membership program is what truly is keeping us moving forward.

So, things around the museum are changing a little bit. We have finished in the celebration garden outback so now that when we get new brick orders all we have to do is pull up a blank one and stick in a custom. We are now ordering the bricks one at a time and not waiting for multiple orders to come in. So, if you send in an order for a custom brick for the garden, it will be taken care of right away! We have also been working to remodel the gift shop. We don't have the amount of space we would truly like, but we are trying to make the best of what we have so we are moving some things around and building some new shelving. Watch for the updates coming soon lol.

Speaking of the gift shop. We have a few new items we'd like to tell you about. We have a really cool 20-ounce Tumbler with our great Museum logo printed all the way around it. They are \$20. The other thing we have is our great looking coffee mugs. These are also \$20. They are 15 ounce and come in two different colors, red and purple on the inside. I'm sure these will make your coffee taste even better in the morning! we also have a new magnet coming. I have been looking for these refrigerator magnets for quite some time ,as soon as I get them in I will post a picture and they will be available on the website.

Don't know if you've noticed that we have museum ambassadors, setting up at Truck ins around the country. Thanks to Susie & Ron and Bobby & Patty for setting up at bluegrass truck in and at spring back in Ohio. If you would like to volunteer your time and set up at

other events around the country to get the word out about the museum of vanning just let us know and we can fix you up with some of the paraphernalia you will need and a little banner to hang.

Volunteers in anyway are the biggest need that we have in the museum right now. Whether it's setting up to work a little time at the nationals or at the museum itself, we can always use your help again just please let us know. So if you have any questions about volunteering your time or just about anything about the museum in general, just drop me a line and I'll get back to you or check us out on the web museum of <u>ending.com</u>. You can also check out all our new swag on the museum website as well. Hope all of you had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and I look forward to a great summer of vanning. Remember, keep on Van.in!

Evening Vanners Mother's Day blog part two. So I forgot to post the pictures and thanks to meta and spell check The web address for the museum is wrong. Here is the correct address. Thank you and have a great weekend. <u>www.museumofvanning.com</u>









