

## July Meeting!

We met at Wally's on Monday, July 17, 2000. We had a great crowd, about 15 folks showed up. We had a great meal and I understand that the banana pudding was great!

Zen had a flier for the next Bug-A-Paluzza made up that members can make copies of to hand out at shows they attend. If you would like to a copy of the flier, e-mail Zen at zenph@aol.com and he'll send you one.

Anthony announced that his award-winning 1969 1/2 convertible Ghia is for sale. If you know someone that would be interested have them contact Anthony at 893-6896 or e-mail at a\_henderson@webmail.bellsouth.net.

Eldon also had some of the Johnny Lightning Surf Rods VW Bus's for sale. If you are interested, contact Eldon at 476-7208 or e-mail at elfteskridge@msn.com.

Herb went to Asheville for the Thing show. He had been led to believe that there would be lots of vendors, 40ish. He was disappointed to find less than ten. Herb also drive his 21-window bus to the meeting, it's really nice!

Caravanning to the Knoxville Volunteer Bug Jam was discussed, see Upcoming Shows for details.

## August Meeting!

**The August meeting will be on  
Monday, August 21, 2000.  
7:00 p.m.**

**This month we will meet near the picnic pavilion at Camp Jordan. Wally's Restaurant will be closed. We will meet back at Wally's in September.  
1-75 & Ringgold Road**

Maybe we can plan some get-togethers for this fall, like a cookout before it gets cold. We still haven't made it to the drive-in.

**Bring some ideas to the next meeting!**

## Shoot the Breeze

*by Travis Barefoot*

### **VW: Making Memories**

How many times has someone approached you while you were out and about in your air-cooled VW and started up a conversation about their "good" times they had with their Beetle or Bus or Thing or Whatever? If your experiences are anything like mine, then it has happened quite often. No other vehicle that I have owned has ever had the power to command such a resurgence of memories like the VW has. Then again, no other vehicle I have ever owned had the personality of a VW. People tend to get attached to cars that they really like, so these little cars make you like them with their charms, their smells, distinct sounds, and numerous adventures. They get a tight grip on your heart and (in my case) invade your thoughts at all times. The little car that started it all carries with it a trunk full of memories. So it is no wonder that now, generations later, the VW is still winning hearts all over. It's a car to make memories with. That's for sure.

The first time I remember riding in a VW was when I was in elementary school. I believe I was 11 years old and in the 5th grade. At the time, my grandmother drove us in a Ford Van/mini-bus, 30 miles each way to our two-room schoolhouse. There were at least 10-12 students riding together in our school bus every day. But sometimes, that van would break down, and other parents would have to drive us to school. One of the

parents had a VW bus (it could have been a Vanagon, but I was 11, what did I know?) that we sometimes rode in. Now it was a little smaller than our regular bus, which had 4 bench seats, but we all managed to fit into the VW's 3 bench seats with no problems. What really stuck out in my mind was the tan and orange color of the bus. It was the coolest thing I had ever seen. I didn't know it then, but that experience could have possibly been the seed planted in my mind that grew into the VW insanity that I am afflicted with today.

The next one to pop up into my life was a 70's Westfalia camper for sale in a used-car lot. I was 16, and had my license to drive, but with all my money going into paying for my schooling, there was no way I could have bought it. It was white, had the propane, electric and water hookups, and ready for a new owner. I had never before seen a bus with a camper package, complete with sink, stove, and pop-top! Ready to camp! Already I was seeing the names of campgrounds and highway road signs. I just had to have one of these!

Another memory I have is of my sister's Orange '76 Beetle. She drove that car around (or did the car drive her around?) to more places than I could ever recollect. Many times she made the 500-mile trip from her place in Florida to visit me here in Tennessee. I remember that it was loud, didn't have good heat, and the windows were always fogged up. She had wrecked it, repainted it, and it had many miles on it. But I still wish I could have bought it from here

Now, from my original experience with a VW to the time I actually got my own covered a span of about 18 years. 18 years of memories, but not of my VW. That changed the day I finally got the Westfalia camper that I had wanted for nearly 10 years. Then came more VW's, and with them, more memories. Memories that can now be of my own VW's. And I am sure that there will be a lifetime of them before the rust builds up, the tires wear thin, and the engine gives out on our beloved memory maker, the VW.

Till later, Travis

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## Bug'n in July Show Report

*By Lamar Lewis*

### **Bug'n In July Show in Madison, AL on July 22.**

Not a bad show for their first one. There were several nicely restored bugs, a few buses and some water cooled VW's. For sale corral included a crew cab truck, a fast back, a couple of bugs and a Karman Ghia. There was only one vendor at show but he had some good stuff with discounted prices for the show. He did invite us to contact him for any of our parts needs. He can be contacted at:

D & B Paint & Body Shop

Dean Rickard, Owner

Highway 72

Rogersville, AL

Work: (256) 247-1949

Home: (256) 247-0245

We had four vehicles in our caravan:

Zen and Joy driving a new beetle (leader of the pack), Anthony and his wife driving a Mustang, Travis and Linda in their weekender van, Lamar and Cindy in their Jetta, George Rymer and Herb Keedy got to the show early and were waiting on us.

No air cooled made this trip, but I think we all decided that A/C would be real nice for the drive back home.

## Collector's Corner

*By Eldon Eskridge*

Well I'm not sure what I should write about in my first corner, the new stuff or the old. Guess since its a new column I will start with the new stuff.

The newest die-cast that I've heard or read about would be the NB matchbox from the "Buggin Out" show. It is talked about in one of the VW mags, and is being sold around \$20 on-line. There are several more matchboxes that are out but haven't seen many in the Chattanooga area. They are the vert NB in a single pack and a black 67 bus with Richies delivery service on it. There is a D.A.R.E. NB also but it is in 1/18th scale to go along with the McDonalds and the Coke NB. There is a police NB that is in a series of cop cars from matchbox. There is also a new Johnny Lighting car called the bug-a-boo it is a dragster it is in the team lighting series it has Bozo the clown on it, very cool. I have found this car here in the Chattanooga area. The storm tracker and coke 5 packs from matchbox are getting more plentiful also. Well I guess that will be all for now, happy hunting and good luck.

### **This just in!**

Franklin Mint Vapor and Reflex New Beetles. Like the actual cars that inspired them, they are available only in Vapor (blue) and Reflex (yellow) and issued in a Limited Edition of just 2,000 for each color. Each of the die-cast replicas is fully authorized by Volkswagen and created in the popular 1:24 scale.

#### Useful Web Site of the Month!

Color Charts for Bug and Bus: <http://www.wolfsburgwest.com/colors/colorchrt.htm>  
Original colors and codes for most years are listed here. For example, 1979 Bugs apparently came in the following colors: 90E alpine white, A5A florida blue, A1D lemon yellow, 31B mars red, 97A diamond silver metallic, 99Y colibrigreen metallic, A3V indiana red metallic, 96F brazil brown metallic, 98G platinum metallic, K6V river blue metallic, and 041 black. I'm sure everyone is thrilled to know this! They also have listed the interior colors available with each exterior color. This list is maintained by Wolfsburg West.

## Monthly Car Show

### **July Show Report**

*By Lamar Lewis*

Seven VW's from the Chattanooga and Cleveland clubs showed up at the July Show. We met at the Village Center Mall and cruised from there to the K-Mart parking lot at the Bradley Square Mall. We had a great time at the show. After arriving, getting parked and registered, several of us hit the Steak and Shake and ate supper. After that, we admired the 90+ cars that were showing. They had some great cars there. After our admiring of vehicles, we settled in a group around our VW's and just had a great time talking and visiting with one another. Many people stopped by and admired our VW's and told us about the VW they had at one time.

Those participating were:

- Anthony and Misty Henderson with their camper bus
- Herb Keedy with his 21 window bus
- George Rymer with chop top split window bug
- Garland Ledford with his 66 custom bug
- Rob Davis and Fielding Clark with a 56 Oval window bug
- Tim and Pat with their convertible bug

- Lamar and Cindy Lewis with their 72 Super Beetle

Trophies winners were:

- Herb Keedy
- Garland Ledford
- Lamar and Cindy Lewis

We had great time and hope that more folks will join us at the next show. Remember, the show is just from 6:00 to 9:00 so it doesn't take up your whole day.

### **August Show**

The August show will be on Saturday, August 12 at 6:00. If you are interested, meet at old Village Square Mall at 5:30 and cruise to the show with the rest of the VWs. I heard that the street rod folks get kinda peeved when a VW club wins the Club Participation award. Let's see if we can upset some street rodders! ;-)

They also have a model show for kids to enter models they've built. There are trophies given out for this event also.

**Hope to see you all there!**

## **Upcoming Shows and Events**

### **Volunteer Bug Jam**

August 4, 5, & 6

Chilhowee Park/Fairgrounds

Knoxville, TN 865-579-5272

volbugjam@juno.com

[www.sevwc.com/VolunteerBugJam2000.htm](http://www.sevwc.com/VolunteerBugJam2000.htm)

*Those interested in caravanning to the show meet at the Ooltewah Bi-Lo at 7:00 a.m. that Saturday morning.*

### **18th Annual IVWA Summer Nationals**

August 20

Farmington Dragway

Winston Salem, NC

[www.ivwa.com](http://www.ivwa.com)

### **2nd Annual Bugs on Broadway**

Broadway Drive-In

Dickson, TN

[vsvwa@yahoo.com](mailto:vsvwa@yahoo.com)

[www.vsvwa.com](http://www.vsvwa.com)

### **Rockingham Dragway VW Show, Swap and Race**

August 26

Rockingham Dragway

Marston, NC

[www.rockinghamdragway.com](http://www.rockinghamdragway.com)

### **Sixth Annual Hangin' Dawg Campout**

September 8-10

Hangin Dawg National Park Campground

Murphy, NC  
Hosted by Cool Breeze VW Club  
Friday night fish fry, \$5.00 for non-members. Saturday night covered dish cookout.  
423-476-6964  
LewisJLL@aol.com

**Southeast BugFair Super Swapmeet & Car Show**

September 10  
Toccoa, GA  
bugfair@hotmail.com

**2nd Annual Middle Tennessee Volksfest**

September 23  
Nashville, TN  
VW of Nashville  
615-887-8952 or 615-832-3947

**Tampa Bay's Volksfest**

September 30-October 1  
www.tbaynet.com/vfest

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