

VOLKS FOLKS NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER MEETING

We met Monday, October 16 at Wally's. We had a really great turnout! It was great to see some new folks there!

We discussed the Volks Folks picnic (which was held October 29, read about it inside).

We discussed ways to get the word out about our show. Zen brought fliers to hand out at other shows we attend. We decided to announce our show in Hot VW's South-Eastern Events Planner that comes out a few weeks before the show.

Travis had a couple of

club logo ideas that he passed around.

Perk volunteered to host our new web site and register volksfolks.org. We also discussed adding the ability to pay dues through our web site.

Suggested other club activities we'd like to have (see Club Activities below).

And other various VW topics!

Send any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter to:

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Bug-A-Paluzza 3
April 21-22, 2001
Camp Jordan
East Ridge, TN

Camping: \$20 per site for Fri. and Sat. night. Includes show entry for whole family.

Show: \$15 per vehicle. First 100 get dash plaque. First 50 to pre-register get a free t-shirt.

Vendors: \$15 for the weekend.

Spectators: \$2 or 2 cans of food donation to Chattanooga Food Bank.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

A great time was had by all at the Volks Folks picnic, more about it inside.

There are currently no planned activities, but we have some suggested winter activities.

We usually have Christmas

get-together every year. We need to schedule and plan that at this meeting.

Also suggested:
? Herbie movie night
? bowling night

Anyone interested in coming to these kind of activities, come to the meeting and voice your opinion or send an e-mail to the group. (e-mail group can be found on our web site)

November Meeting

Monday, November 20,
7:00 p.m.

Wally's
I-75 & Ringgold Rd.

Be there or be square!

SHOOT THE BREEZE

By Travis Barefoot

A Certain Pride

Every car has a fan. No, not a car part with blades, but a devoted owner that treats it like one of the family. They tenderly care for it and treat it with respect. Eventually, a group of these fans get together and connect with similarities and naturally become a group. Whether formally or informally, some sort of meeting is held to expand those similarities and create new friendships. It could be just a get-together at a local restaurant, filling the parking lots with fine examples of your vehicle of choice, say, Volkswagens perhaps. It could be at a public park, again drawing attention to said vehicles. It could be on a drive, while the line of cars that stretch out behind you for at least a mile honk (and wave in a less than friendly wave), knowing how good it feels to be in a caravan, drawing attention to your vehicle yet again. I guess the feeling you get could be called pride.

I know I want people to look at my cars, and deep down inside, they want me to look at theirs. If you have spent any amount of time caring for and bringing back to life a dreamed after car and made it look nice, wouldn't you want people to notice? Of course you would! And lots of other people feel the same way. That's why there are car shows. What other way could people get to meet all sorts of different owners of cars like theirs? Lots of friends are met and made at shows, friends that last a lifetime, but the best thing about car shows is meeting all of the cars.

I have attended many car shows in the past 5 years of VW ownership. They have all been strictly VW or VW powered vehicles that are in the shows and judged for trophies. But there was one I remember that had a lot more, like it or not. It was at a Speedway in Farmington, NC. It was put on by a VW club, and had lots of VW parts vendors, and show cars. There was even ¼ mile racing, mostly VW powered. But packed in behind the VW's was a sea of vehicles that didn't come close to having a rear-mounted, air-cooled engine, or even a VW symbol. The list of vehicles ranged from tricked out pick-up trucks to farm tractors in mint condition. I can tell you it was a different show than I expected.

Recently, I attended several car shows that weren't VW themed at all. In fact, the VW representation was a small fraction of the total cars present. They were mostly hot-rod versions of Detroit's finest, mixed in with stock beauties. I was made to feel welcome by most of the other car owners and even got into conversations about their vehicles. Even though our vehicle tastes and choices clashed, we still had things in common to make us more similar. One of those things was pride. They would tell me just about everything there was to know about their car. They were proud of their cars. Just like I am proud of mine. Even though the other car may not be a VW, if the restoration job (or even original condition) looks good, then they have something to be proud of. At another show, I was parked next to a 1982 Porsche 9-something or other [it was a 928]. In conversation with the "owner", I noticed his enthusiasm for this vehicle was just short of euphoric. In deeper conversation, I discovered that he didn't even own the Porsche. It was from his grandfather's car lot! But nevertheless, his enthusiasm for a good-looking vehicle reminded me of my own feelings towards Volkswagens.

These experiences have made me re-think my position on my biased views for VW's. I will always think that a Volkswagen is the finest vehicle ever made. The Bus will always be my favorite. I will still drool at beautifully restored split-window Beetles. I will continue to be amazed at the various things people can do to a VW in the name of customizing, no matter how hideous. Nothing in that respect will change. But what will change is my attitude towards cars other than my own, especially the non-VW, an attitude which could also lead to a pre-conceived judgement on the owners themselves. For example, the notion that the redneck in his 4X4 Ford/Chevy/Dodge Behemoth is an uneducated, inbred and uncouth individual just may not be true. He very well could be just as proud of his means of transportation as I am of mine. It's just that he chooses to show his enthusiasm by the placement of rear-window-sized replicas of Rebel flags and shotguns, while I show mine by driving a little bit slower. Also, that guy in the Nissan 240 SX may not be the power-hungry sport-jock type that first impressions give. I'll bet he beams with joy when someone tells him that his car looks nice. And what this means is that I

have something in common with both of them. We all share a certain (all together now!) pride that crosses all boundaries of vehicle makes and models, tastes and choices, stereotypes and prejudices.

The owner of the paint-chipped, ragged-out Pinto that is missing the front bumper and rear seat is more than likely to be just as proud of his vehicle as the owner of an immaculate 1952 Split-window Beetle. Keep that in mind the next time you hear, "Hey, nice car" from someone. Go on ahead and puff up. Feel proud and remember that the proud feeling is something that is shared. Share it by returning the compliment whenever and wherever appreciated.

GoBusGo!

Feel free to send contributions or criticisms (600 words or less) for this column to: gobusgo@mindspring.com

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OCTOBER SHOW REPORT

By Lamar Lewis

Volunteer Bug Jam in Seville

Our caravan to the Bug Jam consisted of two VW's. Herb and his family drove their split window bus while Cindy and I followed in our Super Beetle. We drove the back roads and made it to the show in a very respectable time.

The show itself was, as always, a good show. Lots of show cars, vendors (not as many vendors as the spring show, but there was still a lot

of them), and a bunch of people camping for the weekend. We only attended the show on Saturday but several of our members camped for the weekend. I understand from them that it got quite cool Saturday night. The parking lot stayed pretty full all day Saturday so the spectator numbers had to be good. It was a fun day and a nice ride to and from the show.

Volks Folks Fall Picnic

The weather for the picnic at the River Park was perfect. We had a great time picnicking with our fel-

low VW enthusiast and even discussed some club business while we were there. Those attending were:

- ? Verl and Sandra
- ? Eldon, Laura and new baby girl
- ? Zen and Joy
- ? Travis and Linda and Talia
- ? New member Perk Evans
- ? Lamar and Cindy
- ? Anthony and Misty

We had a lot of fun getting together with other club members for

Web Site of the Month!

Our very own Volks Folks web site! Now you don't have to remember that mile-long web site address, you can just point your browser to www.volksfolks.org. The site looks great, be sure to check it out! Special thanks to Perk for setting it all up. Everyone congratulate him on a job well done.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

Busses, Busses, and more Busses!

There's a place on the web that has the 1:18 scale VW busses in red/white and blue/white. They can be found at www.diecastwarehouse.com for \$26.98 per set.

This set, a 1/25 Scale 21 Window Deluxe Bus pulling a 1/24 Scale 1973 Beetle on a trailer, has been picked up by club members at various Wal-Marts. The bus is gray/white and the beetle is gray. It's by Road & Track as part of their Show Stoppers, Hot Haulers and Cool

Cars series. It will also say "Series 3" on the box. They are \$12.96 for the set. I understand they are hard to find.

Several members have the Warner Brothers Scooby-Doo Shaggy VW bus and the Velma '62 Beetle. Rumor had it they were all out of busses. Their current catalog lists the whole set of Scooby-Doo Matchbox cars for \$30. Of course, you'll have to get the Scooby-Doo Ford Expedition, Fred '99 Mustang, and Daphne '97 Corvette as well. The catalog phone number is 1-800-

223-6524, Item number GM286.

The Warner Bros catalog also has as part of its Looney Tunes Vintage Vehicle collectibles by Ertl, a red convertible beetle with Pepe Le Pew, Penelope, a penguin and a couple of surf boards inside. This item (No. CM134) is \$45. Their online store is at www.wbstore.com.

Welcome to our New Club Members!
Perk Evans, Ronnie Parker

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Chattanooga-area VW club!



UPCOMING SHOWS

Camping

November 10-11
Tannehill Park
Birmingham, AL
medman@linkfast.net
or 256-352-2325

Bulli Brigade

November 11
Tampa, FL
www.sevwc.com/bulli_brigade.htm

Florida Bug Jam

November 12
Pasco County Fairgrounds
Dade City, FL
Supposed to be a really big spectacular show!
www.floridabugjam.com

VW Turkey Run

November 18
St. Augustine, FL
southeastvw@hotmail.com
www.sevwc.com/turkeyrun00.html

Fall Fest 2000

December 9
Metairie, LA
MadHat17@webtv.net

I don't know of any more this year, or anything in our general area until March!

