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**January Meeting:
Monday, January 15
7:00 P.M.
Wally's Restaurant
I-75 & Ringgold Rd.**

At our last meeting... We discussed having one phone number for people interested in our club or show to call. What we decided on is to go with a voice mail box with a few menu options : info on the show, info on our meetings, etc. or leave a message. If you leave a message it would send out a page. Members will take turns carrying the pager. Perk is checking into getting this set up.

We needed to redesign our Bug-a-Paluzza flyers and update them with current information. Robin volunteered to take care of this.

Club News

Our Newsletter is growing! I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the new s- letter what it is today! It has come a long way since we decided to do it ourselves and really make something of it. Thanks for your patience with our growing pains, and your suggestions. Special thanks to contributors, Travis Barefoot, Lamar Lewis, Eldon Eskridge, Anthony Henderson, and Perk Evans.

Two Meetings a Month!!
We have scheduled two meetings per month through April to be sure we get everything done before the show. We will keep our regular 3rd Monday of the month meeting and add an extra in between (these are on Thursday). We have our room at Wally's reserved for the following:
**January 15 & 25
February 1 & 19
March 1 & 19
April 5 & 16**

- This Month we need to:
- ? Finalize and get fliers out
 - ? Bug-a-Paluzza Banner Design
 - ? Get more sponsors
 - ? Plan show schedule of events
 - ? Rules for Valve cover race

See y'all at the next meeting!



Happy New Year!

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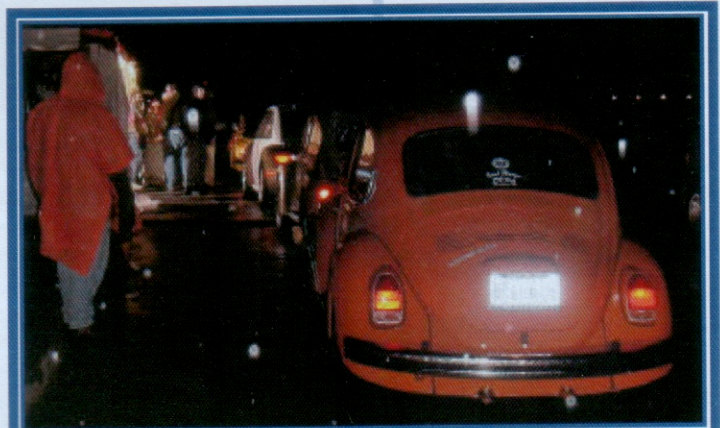
Not many shows this time of year. Here's what I found:

Bugs on a Pier, a Space Odyssey
February 3, 6-10 pm
St. Petersburg Pier
727-548-1459
vvcadets@aol.com
www.inertia.org/space

Edisto Freeze Yer Toe
February 9-11
Edisto Beach State Park,

S.C.
www.geocities.com/Baja/Ravine/2474/Edisto.html

Volksblast 2001
February 18
South Miami, FL
www.volksblast.com



2000 Food Drive at Ross' Landing

Hippie Days
March 3-4
A cruise through NC, SC, TN & GA! I hear this is a lot of fun!

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SCCA ProRally in Chattanooga

This from www.cherokeetrailsrally.com:

For immediate release 19 December 2000

SCCA ProRally Championship Announces New Event for 2001 Season - Round #2 Cherokee Trails

DENVER, CO: **The second round of the 2001 season will be an all-new addition to the Sports Car Club of America's ProRally Championship.** Headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the International Cherokee Trails Rally will include three days of intense competition in the Cherokee National Forest. **With a 3-day format and nearly 180 stage miles in the route book, the event is under consideration by the FIA for full international status.**

When & Where:

15-17 March; Chattanooga TN; approx. 95 miles northwest of Atlanta, GA.

SCCA Event Rank:

Cherokee Trails is a full points SCCA ProRally Championship event. Drivers earn points towards the national championship, and supporting manufacturers (Hyundai, Subaru, Mazda and Mitsubishi) earn points towards overall and class Manufacturers Championships.

Historical Background:

The Cherokee Trails Rally marks the return of SCCA Performance Rally to the Southeastern US after a five-year hiatus. Run in 2000 as an SCCA ClubRally, the event earned high marks from entrants, spectators and industry observers, and earned its national status for 2001. For the first time in the United States since 1987, this performance rally will be run under FIA rules,

which will include reconnaissance (recce) and pace-noting. Vehicle class structure will follow FIA conventions, in tandem with the nationally recognized SCCA classifications

ProRally Championship Contact:

Kurt Spitzner - SCCA ProRally Championship Marketing and Media Manager
Pre-event: B 303.779.6622 (country Code: 1)

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"Headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the International Cherokee Trails Rally will include three days of intense competition in the Cherokee National Forest."

Cherokee Trails ProRally Contact:

John Shirley - Clerk of the Course
Kendall Russell - Rally Manager/Organizer
Pre-event: 865.671.1133
direct inquiry Email: Bkrrally@cs.com
Time zone at event: EasternTime (GMT b 6 hours)

Event website accessible through the

sccaprorally.org website listed above

About the SCCA ProRally Championship:

SCCA Performance Rally, comprised of the national SCCA ProRally Championship, the regional SCCA ClubRally Championship, and local SCCA RallyCross events, starts its 28th consecutive season on January 26-27, with the aptly named Sno*Drift ProRally in northern Michigan.

Performance Rally is a globally recognized sport, with millions of fans worldwide. The sport is a unique test of endurance for both the participant and the

machine, and thrives in environments where traditional racing activity never treads. Typical SCCA ProRally events will feature fields of 40 - 80 production-based automobiles, and cover hundreds of miles over a 12-24 hour period, with much of the competition under the cloak of darkness.

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Last year a '72 Beetle came in 5th, an 81 VW Golf in 8th, an 88 GTI in 9th, an 87 GTI in 12th, an 85 Golf in 20th and a 74 Porsche 914 in 23rd!

I imagine there will be VWs entered this year. I don't know if there are any New Beetles entered, like in VW's "Cute Car" commercial.



Welcome, New Members!
JD Merritt, Mike Teutsch

Shoot the Breeze

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you all have a prosperous and generous year ahead of you. If you do get prosperous, be generous and give me some! But seriously, I had a great holiday season, although I'm sure glad it is over, aren't you? I dragged my wife and daughter to Florida to spend New Year's weekend at my grandmother's. Our celebration consisted of turning on the television with enough time to find Dick Clark start the countdown, saying "Happy New Year" to Linda, turning off the television and then going to bed. Yippee!

We drove the "comfy bus", otherwise known as "Eurovan, The White Whale". While having the extra comforts over the Westy, the gasoline consumption might be just about equal to a Sherman tank. This led me to discover one thing while we were down in the Indecisive State; gasoline is like gold down there. Some stations varied from \$1.40 to \$1.60 a gallon for *regular* unleaded. But right before we crossed the Georgia-Florida state line, I filled up for \$1.13 a gallon for regular unleaded in Valdosta, GA. Did it on the way home too. Hmm...Valdosta, GA...that reminds me of another story that a fellow named Lamar once told me about a trip to Valdosta. It went something like this...

VW Adventure Story: The Acquisition of "Jimminie Cricket"

It was 8 AM Sunday morning when Cindy and I left Chattanooga. It was a crisp, clear, beautiful fall day and our destination was Valdosta, Georgia. Our purpose on this trip was take a closer look at a 1977 pea-green Westy we had seen at the VW show in Toccoa, Georgia the prior month. Even though we had a five hour drive in front of us, we were excited and looking forward to just getting away from life's busyness for the day. We had a relaxing drive to Valdosta. The traffic was light, even through Atlanta. We arrived at Valdosta about 1:00 PM and decided to go directly to where the Westy lived. When we pulled into Clapp's VW Restoration yard our excitement was dimmed a little as we saw the old VW's that had come to the end of their life and were now donating their parts so other VW's could live on. But, when we looked directly ahead, there sat the Westy. We had already looked the Westy over in Toccoa and knew it was in good shape and now it was time to see if ran as good as it looked. The owner of the Westy let us look the camper bus over again, pointed out some of the minor things that would need attention and then invited us to take it for a test drive. We did and the Westy ran as good as it looked. The deal was made and we said our good-byes to Billy, the previous owner, and the new owners headed home with the Westy.

Now...the real ADVENTURE begins; driving it home. Cindy was to drive our Honda Accord and follow me driving the Westy. I haven't mentioned yet that although it was a beautiful day, the wind was a bit brisk. Not ever driving a Westy before, the wind hadn't played in as a factor yet: It does now! After a short stop in Valdosta to eat a late lunch and gas up the Westy, we hit I-75 North. It took about 30 seconds for me to realize that wind and Westy don't mix. After darting back and forth between the centerline and the shoulder of the road a few times in the first 30 seconds, I knew I was in for a long drive home, and it was. After a few minutes of trying to keep the bus between the white lines, I looked in my rear view mirror and there it was, gaining fast on me; THE 18 WHEELER! Well, after seeing how the wind pushed me around I knew this truck was going to blow me off the road. With both hands firmly gripping the steering wheel, I was as ready as I could get for the BIG truck to pass. When the truck passed me it pushed me to the right but it wasn't as bad as I feared, I held Westy between the white lines. But just as I started to relax a little, the truck's tail wind hit me. Ever ridden a Tilt-a-Whirl at the fair...that's what the bus' motion reminded me of in the truck's tail wind. Up, down and rocking side-to-side...what a ride. Well the wind never stopped blowing and the trucks never stopped coming, all they way back to Chattanooga. But I made it! Nerves shattered and probably a few new gray hairs, but we made it home. After arriving home, Cindy said that on the long, relaxing ride for her, she had time to think of a name for our new family member, "Jimminie Cricket". So that's the story of the "Acquisition of Jimminie Cricket" and we're sticking to it. So if you ever see me driving "Jimminie Cricket" and I have a look of fear on my face; just look for the 18- wheeler close by and you will know why...

Yep, it happened just the way he said it did. And to this very day, I still believe that it is true. For you see, I too own a Westfalia like his and have gone many places and have seen many things, things that can only be seen from the heights of a Westy. But you can also see things in any VW...get out and drive yours and see what you can see.

Till later,

Travis

GoBusGo!

P.S. Special thanks go out to Lamar and Cindy Lewis for their story featured in this month's article. It also makes my job easier!

Feel free to send contributions or criticisms (600 words or less) for this column to:

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Chattanooga, TN 37421



Das Karmann Column

By Anthony Henderson

Jonesin'

The weather outside is frightful, and my garage isn't heated and isn't tall enough for my Westfalia, so my mood is not delightful. Here I sit inside jonesin' for all that beautiful weather when I was putting off all those projects for tomorrow. Well, tomorrow is today, and today it's too cold!

I'm jonesin' to go out and put those new heater cables in and get the heat into my camper, not just the burning oil stink. I'm also jonesin' to replace the pushrod tube seals, for much the same reason.

There are parts of half a dozen unfinished projects in my 50-degree garage as I write (not including the Ghia itself!). For example, a new set of pea-shooters and clamps for that exhaust sandblasting and repainting I was going to do. It seemed like a great idea when I

was buying the parts at the Spring Sevierville show. Then there's that jack I took apart in August to repaint, and haven't gotten back to. Hope I don't have a flat anytime soon!

Speaking of shows, I'm jonesin' for Spring and the new show season. I think our Bugapaluza 3 will be wonderful, as well as the upcoming Circle Yer Wagons show in May. It will be great to see those friends that we only see at these shows, not to mention getting our hands dirty in the piles and piles of parts. The thrill is indeed in the hunt! Our club is blessed with, count

'em, four Sage [Indian for "booger"] Green Westys, '76, '77, '78, and '79. I think a caravan is in order!

By the time you are reading this, I will likely be jonesin' for my Westy. It is scheduled for some long-overdue cosmetic surgery and chemotherapy at the skilled hands of Don Robertson. You may recall the

caved-in rear corner and rocker rot (it was like that when I got it). We hope to have it back in early February and looking like new, just in time to go camping!

I'm also jonesin' to go camping. There's something simple and unique about getting away from it all in a Volkswagen, be it a drive in the country in a Ghia or a weekend in the sticks in a Campmobile. If you haven't done this in a while either, then you know how I feel! So, as I sit here going through withdrawls at my computer terminal and praying for the snow to stop or at least wait until a school day so I can get some time off, I'll leave you with the ad firm of Doyle, Dane and Bernbach's "Words of Volkswisdom":

"Old Volkswagen Station Wagons never die."

Replies? Comments?

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What We Got For Christmas

Several members have reported getting VW gifts for Christmas, here are a few:

Zen

- ? Several small pull and go bugs
- ? Coke bus
- ? Show Stopper bug/bus set
- ? Weird Cars book

Eldon

- ? Several pull and go VWs
- ? Herbie Disney coin

Anthony

- ? Beetle Buggin PC game

- ? Exploded Bug poster by Peter Aschuawandesnegnan

Travis

- ? My Bug book

Perk

- ? Cool bug made from Coke cans

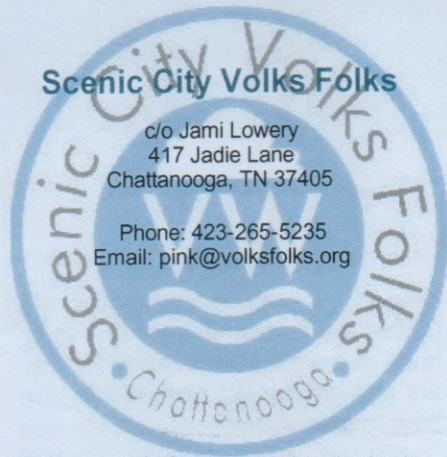
Jami

- ? Matchbox 1967 Delivery Van
- ? FAO Schwarz VW Four Pack
- ? Couple of pull and go New Beetles
- ? Frame with a Beetle on it
- ? Necklace with New Beetle charm

from The Real Source catalog

Lamar & Cindy

- ? Radio-controlled Baja New Beetle, yellow with huge tires
- ? 2001 Beetle calendar
- ? Elgin collectible Beetle clock
- ? Lamp with Beetles on the shade which turns making the Bugs look like they're moving
- ? VW Prayer and Maintenance book
- ? VW short stories book
- ? Blue sweatshirts with orange Beetle and name embroidered
- ? Disney Herbie collectible coin

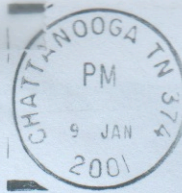


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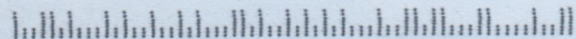
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Rumors 'n Stuff

Volkswagen Superbowl

Be sure to watch the Superbowl January 28 (or at least watch the commercials). VW bought four 30-second ads. Not only that but VW will be the only auto manufacturer to advertise during the Superbowl (yes, they paid extra for that).

VW SUV

SAY IT ISN'T SO!!!
The Volkswagen Colorado is to be unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show. It is aimed at the "luxury 4WD market!"

New Bus Unveiling

Watch the news for the unveiling of the New Bus (Samba) at the North American International Auto Show on January 8. V6, 7-passenger, targa glass roof are rumored...much like Herb's 21-window bus, right Herb?

Last Year for Air-cooled?

Grapevine says this will be the last year

for air-cooled Beetle production. The Beetle has been in production longer than any vehicle in history. Let's all head down to Mexico and get one!

A Convertible New Beetle, Really?

More like finally! Well...not this year, try 2002. To be produced in Mexico by VW and Karmann GmbH. Said to feature a power roof. Ok, before we all head out for Mexico, let's all get on the waiting list for the New Beetle Convertible, what do you say?

Carpal Turbonium Syndrome

This is what you get when you reach down to deploy the Turbo New Beetle's spoiler one too many times! Right Perk?

Are Volks Folks People People?

Well, we must be! We've scheduled extra meetings just so we can see each other more often!

Passat to Change Mid-Year

Looks more like an Audi A6.

New Beetle Gets Power Sunroof

It's part of the 2001 Sport Luxury Package only available for 1.8T's, I think.

Bill Gates, Steve Balmer and a VW Commercial!!

Imagine the "Da Da Da" commercial with Bill and Steve. You just gotta see this...It's a .mov file someone sent me. I'll see if Robin & Steve will put it on their iBook for all to see at the next meeting. (For now you can find it at <http://jlowery.vol.com/vw/>. It's a 6M download.)

Heard any good rumors lately?

Please send them to :
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