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May Meeting:

Monday, May 21

7:00 P.M.

**Wally's Restaurant
I-75 & Ringgold Rd.**

Greetings, readers! Welcome to the special Bug-a-palüza issue of our newsletter!

In this month's newsletter, we have a report on our very own Bug-a-palüza show. We had a great turnout. Special thanks to all registrants and all who worked to help pull this thing off!

Club News

We also have, of course, Travis' Shoot the Breeze column. It's part IV of the continuing saga "Goin South." (For those of you who may have missed Parts I through III, you can catch up on our web site, www.volksfolks.org, in the Newsletter section.) Anthony's Das Karmann Column may have to be renamed since he sold his Ghia! Lamar gives us a report from Circle Yer Wagens. And of course we have a Bug-a-palüza report and a listing of all the winners (and a few pictures too).

It's Time to Elect New Officers

Nominations will be held at the May meeting and the actual elections should take place at the June meeting.

T-shirt & Hat Sale!

We have several t-shirts left over. They are on sale for \$10.00! We have XL, 2X, and 3X. Contact Travis Barefoot, gobusgo@VolksFolks.org
We also have a few of the COOL Bug-A-Palüza.3 Hats. 2 styles-only \$18 each...
•Bucket (denim & white)
•6 Panel Cap (khaki)
Contact: perk@VolksFolks.org

Post-mortem Party!

We're going to schedule what's called, at least in my industry, a "post-mortem." We'll get together and discuss the show, things we did right, things we did wrong and how we can improve. Date and time to be announced. So, come to the next meeting, check the web site or e-mail list.

See y'all at the next meeting!

Volkswagen Events

North vs. South Shootout

May 13
Darlington Dragway,
Hartsville, SC
www.geocities.com/~ksracecars/north2k1.htm

8th Annual GA Vintage Volkswagen Show

May 19
Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, GA
VW Trends coverage.
Deasterw@mindspring.com
(We will probably have a group cruising to this show. For more info watch the Volks folks e-mail list.)

4th Annual NSVWA Spring Show

May 20
Knoxville Farmers Market
Volbugjam@juno.com

EuroFest

May 26

Inside the Opryland Hotel,
Nashville, TN
All types of European cars.
Must pre-register!
Terri Hibbett 615-832-3947

Bugs at the Zoo

June 2
Wild Adventures
Valdosta, GA
www.sevwc.com/zoo.htm

Thundervalley Bug Blast

June 10
Bristol International Dragway in
Bristol, TN
800-568-9001 or 423-854-0093

Georgia's VW Jamboree

June 16
Atlanta Dragway in Commerce,
GA
706-677-3610

Roswell 2K (R2K)

June 15-17
Roswell, New Mexico

New Beetle-only show. Since, the NB was reverse-engineered from UFO's, all "pods" were called to Roswell, NM (by the mother ship) in June of 2000. They had so much fun, they are being called back for a second year! Caravans from all parts of the country. For info: www.roswell2k.org

VW Trends International Drive Your VW to Work Day

June 22
<http://www.geocities.com/billberckman/dd2001.html>

Also remember... DAV Open Car Show

Cleveland, TN
Second Saturday every month from now through September, I think. Since we started showing up at these last year they created a category just for VWs! Always a great time.

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Zen Accepts Major Award!

We presented Zen with an award for all his hard work and dedication. He really put in 110% to pull everything together. Everyone be sure to give Zen a big pat on the back! Hey Zen, was it worth the dehydration and near heat stroke?

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Shoot the Breeze

By Travis Barefoot

Gone South: Part IV

Sunday evening is the worst time to break down in your vehicle. Not only do businesses (which include parts stores and repair shops) wait until the middle of the day to open up; they close down at a very inconvenient time as well. Some places aren't open at all on Sunday, which puts any repair or parts purchase off until Monday, and leaves the broken down traveler stranded until the world resumes the next morning. Or worse yet, left at the mercy of the "friendly" towing service that's eager to charge you extra bucks for that weekend tow. That's just a little chip off my bone to pick with so-called Blue Laws.

As we scanned the Yellow Pages for auto repair shops, parts stores, and dealerships we were so fondly reminded of those same laws. Everyone we called had either closed early, hadn't been open all day, or didn't work on air-cooled Volkswagens. But, with a stroke of luck, one store referred us to the only air-cooled mechanic in the area, who also happened to be the best air-cooled mechanic in the area (imagine that!). A quick phone call to Otto's VW Repair netted us the voice mail of William O. (Otto?) Umland, which told us to leave a message, so we did.

While we eagerly awaited his return call, we discussed our plans for the rest of the journey. The reservations for the campsites were for Sunday through Thursday, so needless to say we were going to be really late for our check-in. The worst part of it was that we were paying for the campsites we weren't using as well as for the motel room that we were. Luckily, we had planned ahead for something to happen and had enough extra money for emergencies. If Otto could fix Luke's bus tonight, we could be on our way on Monday. If he could fix it on Monday, then we could leave on Tuesday. If it couldn't be fixed by Tuesday, Linda and I could go on down and await Luke and Candace's arrival. If only the phone would ring. If we could somehow sprout wings, we could fly the rest of the way. If, if, if.

After what seemed to be hours, Otto called back and said that he couldn't even take it until Monday (who would have guessed?) and even then, he might not even be able to get to it then. That made up our minds. If Otto couldn't fix the bus on Monday, Linda and I would stay and help Luke and Candace get their bus to the shop and to get a rental and then head on to the campsite on Tuesday morning. Luke called the "friendly" towing service to arrange a tow in the morning (on Monday, a business day) and we

emptied everything of importance from their bus, not only for fear of theft, but to make room for the guru's work as well. Out came their as-of-yet-unused side tent, sleeping bags, coolers, food, clothes and anything else that wasn't bolted or screwed down and into the motel room they went.

You know, I'm glad that we didn't do one thing that we had discussed before calling Otto. We were almost to the deciding point of dropping the engine and removing the heads to check the pistons for damage, looking for a dropped valve, or whatever we could find that looked wrong. Although we were prepared to take on the task, dropping

the engine in the parking lot of the Super 8 in the blistering heat of a radiant sun, heat that was made worse by the asphalt we were forced to work on, was not my idea of vacation fun. This was all before we actually knew that there was one dedicated VW soul in the southwestern part of Florida that would have the facilities and the proper

tools to find and eradicate the problem. Although the experience would have been welcome, the convenience of not having to have the experience was even more alluring. It was so much easier to let Otto work his magic so we could continue with our journey. And that's just what we did.

The next morning brought on the beginning of the end of the wait. The tow truck arrived early, almost catching us off guard. After "Ellie" was loaded up and strapped down, Luke and I hopped into "Sweetpea" and followed his crippled bus riding piggyback on the rollback truck. The tow truck kept a slow pace leaving the motel and on the side streets, but once on the interstate, it took off and was soon almost out of sight. Luckily, I saw it take an exit. If it weren't for the traffic light on the exit ramp, I probably would have been left behind to find my own way to the shop. I didn't want that to happen, so I stayed pretty close and we were soon pulling into the lot of Otto's garage. There was a wide array of air and water-cooled VWs awaiting the healing touch of the mystic guru of German motors. If all of those cars were to be worked on before us, then it would be a few days before he could work on Luke's bus. The tow truck driver unceremoniously rolled his quarry off the truck, got his pay and moved on to other business. While Luke was paying for the tow, I took a look at the other vehicles that were sitting around as if they were waiting to be called on by the nurse at their turn to see the doctor. There was a bay-window bus with either Grateful Dead or Jerry Garcia stickers on any given window parked next to a early '90s model

Jetta with no stickers at all (unless you count the oil change reminder on the front window). I guess this guy knew how to work on any VW, by the looks of it. Once we went inside the garage, he showed us a pre '68 Beetle that he was working on. One thing that was neat about it was that he had welded the fenders on, resulting in a smooth transition from body to fender, without fender molding. I'm not sure why it was done, but I suppose that you shouldn't have to worry about water getting in between your fenders and body if there was no way for it to do so. He also had a split window bus up on a lift that was getting the royal treatment to the suspension. I don't think that I have seen the underside of a bus so shiny! It really looked good.

He also had numerous Volkswagen signage and emblems on all the walls, and the given display case of VW toys and literature. One thing that shows that you are a VW fanatic is the assemblage of goodies. VW Matchbox and Hot Wheels displayed in racks; hood emblems and shop signs on the walls; piles of spare parts in every corner and free space in the garage. There was plenty of evidence that this man was truly in his business not solely for the money, but also because he loved VWs as well. We had a long chat about his life in the VW mechanic world and about our trip experiences so far. As we talked, I noticed something that I didn't notice before. There was Gospel music playing over his stereo and a "No Swearing, God is Listening" sign above the door to his office. To know that this man was a Christian made us feel like the chances of getting "screwed by the local mechanic" were less. Not that it was guaranteed, mind you, but the probability of it seemed somewhat diminished.

Were we just lucky that the best VW mechanic in the area was only a few miles away from where we broke down? Or was it something else, providence perhaps? I couldn't help but think of what Luke's mom did, with the oil and the prayer and all. Maybe it was a mix of both, what you could call lucky providence. Whatever it was, we were thankful; thankful that progress was being made to finally get us to where we needed to go. That gave us what we needed to feel better about the situation. We thought about it as we drove back to the motel to reunite with the girls to prepare for what we needed to do for the day; get a rental, make sure that our campsites weren't going to be given away, and take the time to enjoy a dip in the motel pool. Things weren't that bad after all.

To be continued...

Till later,
Travis
GoBusGo!

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Bug-A-Palüza 3 Report

April 21 – 22, 2001

By Travis Barefoot

Bugapalüza 3 was held at Camp Jordan in East Ridge, TN on the weekend of April 21-22, 2001. It was a two-day event with on-site camping, show cars, new and used parts vendors, musical entertainment, a mini drive-in, and much more. The Scenic City Volks Folks, a Chattanooga, TN area based VW club headed up by Zen Hendricks, put on the show. The forecast was for partly cloudy skies and you couldn't have asked for better weather for the all VW car show, which was held rain or shine. The proceeds from the spectator gate benefited the Scenic City Volks Folks' charity, the Chattanooga Food Bank. People were also asked to bring canned food as part of their entry fee, whether vending, showing, or just looking.

This year's Bugapalüza was slated to be bigger and better than the previous two. The parts vendors and show car entrants that hadn't showed up on Friday arrived early Saturday morning before the dew could dry and before most of the campers awoke. They quickly set up and began selling parts or manicuring and primping their cars for the judged car show. If you had parts to

find, there were 15 vendors of new and used parts to choose from. As the morning passed by, it became apparent that the predictions of this being a bigger event than ever turned out to be true; the number of show cars had already surpassed the number from previous events. One person had driven his Beetle from Mexico City, Mexico and came to the show because he was in the area. And as the cars filed in, the open field in front of the main stage was soon sporting fine examples of German workmanship. By the end of judging on Sunday, a total of 115 show cars had registered.

Daily events included valve cover racing, door prize giveaways, Paint-a-Bug for the kids, and three live bands for the crowd's musical pleasure. The feature band, XIII, played a mix of current rock and blues mixed in with older rock. The lead guitarist was only 13 years old, and could play like a pro. Also, on Saturday night, "The Love Bug" was shown on a projector screen and sound came through the band's sound system. It was like a mini drive-in! For those who were hungry, there were several concession stands for their culinary tastes. The Slush Puppy trailer was set up next to the covered pavilion, which housed a kitchen, where hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and much more were sold by representatives of the La Leche

League, a non-profit organization dedicated to the cause of teaching mothers the benefits of breast-feeding their infants. There was also an old-fashioned ice cream maker, run by a hit-and-miss engine, complete with pulleys and belts that turned the ice cream churn. Very delicious, I might add.

All show cars that weren't judged on Saturday were completed on Sunday, along with the numerous cars that showed up just for Sunday's events. There were awards for 3 places in 26 classes of show cars, along with 8 special awards given out in the awards ceremony that started a little behind schedule, but was worth the wait. The trophies given out were hand crafted out of wood bases and connecting rods from a VW engine. Special thanks go out to Herb Keedy of the Scenic City Volks Folks for his hard work cutting out and crafting the bases as well as sand-blasting and painting the rods. He put a lot of hard work, sweat and time into making the trophies. They might just be the best looking trophies in the show circuit today.

All in all, the Scenic City Volks Folks raised over \$1200 and several barrels of food for the Chattanooga Food Bank. Special thanks go out to The Bug Barn of Joppa, AL, Lockhart's VW Repair and Mainly Foreign Car Parts of Chattanooga, TN for the donation of the connecting rods for the trophies. Also to Rocky Mountain Motorworks and The Real Source and other companies that donated door prizes and goody bag stuffers. And to the hard working club members who worked the show, thank you. But it wouldn't have been a show if dedicated VW folks hadn't shown up. Thanks go out to all of them as well. By the looks of it, the Bugapalüza series may become an up-and-coming event in the Southeast. Be prepared for Bugapalüza 4, on April 20-21, 2002. You can go to www.volksfolks.org for up-to-date information on the Scenic City Volks Folks club and their activities. See you next year!

Travis Barefoot

(For actual Show Results see next page. For more pictures, see the Volks Folks website: www.volksfolks.org.)



Bug-A-Palüza 3 Results

Beetle Early

- 1st Randy Strickland - 1965 Beetle
- 2nd Charles Overton - 1956 Beetle
- 3rd Lindy Herrell - 1956 Beetle

Beetle Late

- 1st Tracy & Cindy Polce - 1972 Beetle
- 2nd Louise Gutierrez - 2001 Mexi Beetle
- 3rd Terrell Sharp - 1968 Beetle

Super Beetle

- 1st Annette Stout - 1972 Super Beetle

Beetle Convertible

- 1st Leonard Thurman - 67 Beetle Convertible

Super Beetle Convertible

- 1st Johnny Watkins - 1979 SB Convertible
- 2nd Scott Hudson - 1972 SB Convertible
- 3rd Bobby Bowling - 1974 SB Convertible

Beetle & Super Beetle Custom

- 1st Josh Blair - 1967 Beetle Sedan
- 2nd Slick and Kay James - 1973 Super Beetle with V8 Chevy engine
- 3rd Tom Davis

Ghia Coupe

- 1st Jimmy and Judy Plukett - 1971 Karman Ghia Coupe
- 2nd Travis Keedy - 1973 Karman Ghia Coupe
- 3rd Russell Brinson - 1974 Karman Ghia Coupe

Ghia Convertible

- 1st David Harmon - 1969 Karman Ghia Convertible
- 2nd Stacey Fricke - 1970 Karman Ghia Convertible
- 3rd Anthony and Misty Henderson - 1969 1/2 Karman Ghia Convertible

Ghia Custom (None entered)

Type 2 Early

- 1st Charles Overton - 1963 Type II
- 2nd Herb Keedy - 1967 21 Window Deluxe Microbus

Type 2 Late

- 1st Terrell Brinson - 1971 VW Type II
- 2nd David Harmon - 1976 Type II camper
- 3rd Bill Chapman - 1972 Type II camper

Type 2 Camper

- 1st Cindy and Lamar Lewis - 1977 Type II Westfalia
- 2nd Eddie and April Martin - 1978 Type II

Westfalia

- 3rd Brent and Becky Winman - 1972 Type II camper

Type 2 Custom

- 1st Mousey Johnson - 1965 Type II

Type 3 & 4 Stock

- 1st Wolfgang Peter - 1966 Type 3 Karman Ghia
- 2nd Matt Lanham - 1973 Squareback
- 3rd Travis Barefoot - 1971 Fastback

Type 3 & 4 Custom (None entered)

Thing (None entered)

Rail Buggy

- 1st Daniel Helton

Dune Buggy / Kit Cars

- 1st Eddie Ayers - 1973 Dune Buggy
- 2nd Mickey Smith - 1968 Dune Buggy
- 3rd Robert Allen - 2000 Humm Bug

Daily Driver Air Cooled

- 1st Andreas Bardas
- 2nd Chris Sorey - 1967 Beetle
- 3rd Robbie Reavis - 1969 Beetle

New Beetle Stock

- 1st Perk Evans - 2001 New Beetle
- 2nd Jami Lowery - 1998 New Beetle
- 3rd Melony Ball - 1999 New Beetle

New Beetle Custom

- 1st Jai Johnston - 1998 New Beetle Herbie
- 2nd Calvin Lawrence, Sr. - 1998 New Beetle
- 3rd Kevin Edward - 2000 New Beetle

Water Cooled Stock

- 1st Christopher Barnes - 1996 GTI VR 6-S
- 2nd Adam Griffith - 1994 Passat

Water Cooled Custom

- 1st Daniel Atkins - 2001 VW Jetta 1.8T
- 2nd Brian Stewart - 1985 Cabriolet
- 3rd Newton Robinson, Jr. - 1999.5 Jetta GL

Daily Driver - Water Cooled

- 1st Melanie Ball - 1999 New Beetle
- 2nd Clay Brooks - 1989 Fox
- 3rd Christy & Rhondel Thacker - 1996 Golf

Special Interest

- 1st William Cravens - Fiberglass Bug Go-Cart
- 2nd Andy Simmons - 1974 2.0 914 Porsche
- 3rd Bobby Boatfield - 1967 Beetle

In Progress

- 1st Keary Lewis - 1964 VW Bus
- 2nd Jimmy Holmes - 1966 VW Bus
- 3rd Jim and Cindy Young - 1970 Bus Day Camper

Long Distance Award

- Louise Gutierrez - Mexico City, Mexico

Most Represented Club

- Georgia Weekend Gypsies - Cartersville, GA

Roughest VeeDub Running

- Anthony Henderson - 1976 Bug

People's Choice

- Dee Keedy - 1966 Custom Bug

Best Paint

- Daniel Adkins - 2001 VW Jetta 1.8T

Best Engine

- Leonard Thurman - 1967 Beetle Convertible

Best Interior

- Josh Blair - 1967 Beetle Convertible

Best of Show

- Leonard Thurman - 1967 Beetle Convertible



Best of Show, Best Engine, and 1st place in the Beetle Convertible class. That's one awesome car! Owned by: Leonard Thurman.

Special thanks to all who showed up and congratulations to the winners!

If anyone is wondering how the club came out, the financial results will be announced at the next meeting.

Welcome New Members!

Bobby Bowling, Andy & Melody Bardas, T.C. Cassidy, Nancy Hines

Das Karmann Column

By Anthony Henderson

We did it! Bugapaluza has finally come and gone and we have survived the weekend. A hearty congratulations to everyone who helped to make the show a success, including planners, workers, and participants. I would list names, but if I did, I'm sure I'd leave someone off, so thanks to all of you! This has been a learning experience for all of us, to be sure. If we take what we know now, and apply it to next year, it should make Bugapaluza IV even more of a success. How does AVWA do three of these a year?!?

The air is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, the kids are getting tired of school, and the show season has

"get out and see some VWs"

finally arrived. Bugapaluza 3 and Circle Yer Wagens 12 have come and gone under sunny 80 degree skies, and the garage (laundry room, hall, etc.) are already filling up with loot from the swap meets. If you haven't made it to one of these, you're missing a perfect opportunity to recharge your batteries, in the figurative, and possibly literal sense. You don't need a show car to get out and enjoy. Part of the fun is meeting and talking to the people, exchanging ideas and tips, and telling stories about your favorite cars.

Speaking of favorite cars, mine has found a new family. Yes, the Ghia Cabriolet sold a few days after the show, to a nice lady who promised to have the bodywork done and leave her showroom stock. I hated to see the car go, but it was time. She was the realization

of ten years of Ghia lust, going back to my high school days and the time I almost traded my drumset for a '64 coupe. I still have the drums, if he still has the car! So, what's the car of the future? Well, I've always wanted to get back to SCCA club racing, this time in a Formula Vee! Now I just have to find one...

In closing, great show, get out and see some VWs, I miss my Ghia, and the long-awaited rebirth of my campmobile is coming soon! BTW, the '76 Beetle is still for sale, for those of you who were asking! See you at the next meeting! Now that the show is over, we can have a little fun! As DDB said in an early '60s Station Wagon ad:
"That's a load off our front."

Questions? Comments? E-mail: a_henderson17@msn.com

Show Report

By Lamar Lewis

Circle yer Wagens in Seville, TN, was held on May 4-5-6 and it appears that it was a huge success. There were show cars, parts vendors, and campsites set up everywhere - the fair grounds was busting at the seams with participants. There were lots of activities happening all weekend long. Air boat rides were available again this year. They had the engine blow time square board which raises money for charity. Miss Circle-yer-Wagens contest, stereo sound contest and the usual tire burn-out contest.

Saturday night's free meal at the Community Kitchen tent was delicious. Barbeque chicken, chicken-n-dumplings, baked beans, boiled potatoes, along with all the other trimmings and deserts were among the menu. Hats off to the cooks, great job! And a local Boy Scout Troop fixed a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning as a troop fund raiser.

Our club was well represented even though we didn't win the Club Participation award. That went to the Good-ole-Folks club with over fifty members present. Travis, Linda, and

Talia Barefoot camped in their Westy and Lamar (minus Cindy who was in Florida) also camped in his Westy. Bobby Bowling's convertible bug was entered in the show and Cindy's Westy was entered in the show also. Several members participated in the cruise to Seville from the Bi-Lo parking lot in Ooltewah on Saturday. Those who cruised were:

- Zen, Joy, and Jessie
- Herb
- Perk and family
- Misty and Anthony
- Melody and Andy

Volks Folks Membership Information

If you'd like to become a member of the Scenic City Volks Folks, we'd love to have you! The more the merrier, as they say.

Membership entitles you to:

- ? Newsletter mailed directly to you!
- ? Vote for officers and on club issues.
- ? Window decal (when we have those made)
- ? Plus you get to hang out with some

really cool folks!

Membership dues are payable online at our website (www.volksfolks.org), at a meeting, or by mail. Since we are charged fees for online transactions, etc. We offer an "incentive" to pay in cash at one of our meetings! You get \$2 off if you do it this way.

Membership Dues are:

- ? \$12 for individual membership (one vote in elections)
- ? \$17 for family membership (2 votes

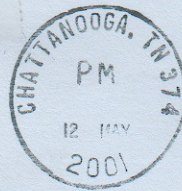
in elections, not both by the same person, of course)

So, if you pay in cash, that would be:

- ? \$10 for individual membership
- ? \$15 for family membership

If you'd like to join by mail, please send Name, Address, Phone Number, and E-mail address to:

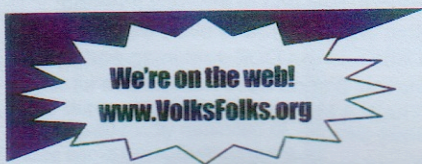
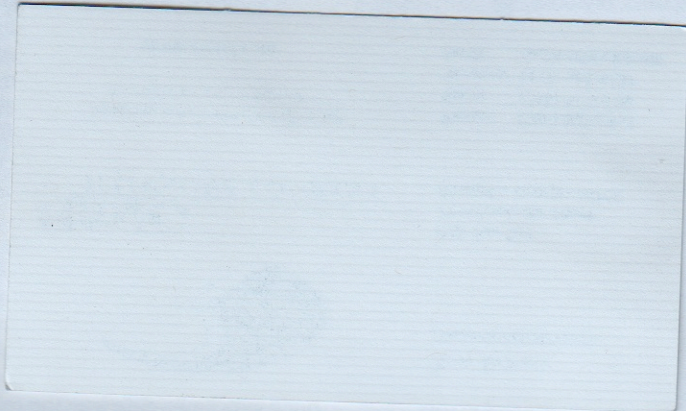
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Rumors, Wishes, and Blatant Lies

Happy Birthday Karmann!

Karmann is 100! (No, not Eldon and Laura's baby.) Don't miss the Fan Club Event in Osnabrück August 17-19, when more than 700 historic Karmann cars from around the entire world and their owners are expected. Find out more (and get the screensaver) at: <http://www.karmann.de/internet/website.nsf>

VW Beetle, It'll Never Sell

The British Council of Manufacturers publicly claimed in 1948 that the Volkswagen Beetle would be 'popular for two to three years.'

I believe it was the manager of the Rootes Group (Humber, Singer etc) that thought that the Beetle was "saleable for two or three years at the most"

2001.5 Passat Sports Over 2,300 Changes

According to Volkswagen, only the roof and doors are unchanged.

Cabrio No More!

Rumor has it that VW is going to replace the Cabrio with a convertible based on the next generation Golf platform. We're probably a couple of years from seeing this one.

In-Dash Six-CD Changer

I've heard that VW has introduced this in Europe.

Isotope Green Spotted at Dealership

I recently spotted a funky green colored New Beetle sitting at VW of Chattanooga. I had to do a triple-take. It's an odd color, almost a mint green. I know that sounds really ugly, but I like it!

VW New Beetle Ads Change Gears

This new ad campaign is called "Round for a Reason," and currently includes two commercials (arches and domes). The domes commercial says "85 cubic feet of passenger space." What they don't tell you is that only 3 of those are in the back seat!

Motor Trend Predicts...

For 2002:

- ? New Beetle convertible (with help from Karmann, of course), also 170hp (up from 150) in the 1.8 liter turbo.
- ? Cabrio based on Jetta with folding hardtop and rear deck.
- ? D1 Sedan: long-wheelbase sedan to compete with BMW 7 Series and Mercedes S Class.

For 2003:

- ? Multi-Activity Cruiser co-developed with Porsche.

For 2004:

- ? AAC Pickup (seen at 2000 Detroit Auto Show)

- ? Microbus (New Samba, seen at 2001 Detroit Auto Show)

Great Source For Parts!

Rumor has it that any road Zen has traveled on lately is a great source for picking up spare parts! Why just recently you could have picked up a nice '74 Beetle front bumper...slightly run over!

Wanted: Parts Bus

Parts bus wanted. Mostly need axle and associated parts. E-mail blbm@yaho.com. Oh, it needs to be 1:24 scale!

New Family Member

I heard Jami added a beautiful '79 triple-white convertible Beetle to her collection. I also hear that means the silver one is for sale! Check it out at <http://jlowery.vol.com/vw>

Special thanks to rumor contributors (you know who you are).

Heard any good rumors lately?

Please send them to rumors@VolksFolks.org