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Club News

**May Meeting:
Monday, July 16
7:00 P.M.
Wally's Restaurant
I-75 & Ringgold Rd.**

Congratulations to the New Officers!

Elections were held at the June meeting. In case you missed it, here are the results:
President:

? Travis Barefoot

Vice President:

? Herb Keedy

Treasurer:

? Lamar & Cindy Lewis

Secretary:

? Misty Henderson

Again, congratulations to the new officers, I know they'll do a fine job! I'd also like to thank

last year's officers, especially Zen (who nearly worked himself into a heart attack), for all the hard work they put in to growing the club and making Bug-a-palaza the biggest and best ever!

In this Issue

We have (yet) another installment of Goin South in Travis's Shoot the Breeze column! Anthony brings us comments on British vs. VW car shows. Lamar gives us a report from the recent Alhambra Shrine Show. Jami is filling in for Eldon and brings us a couple of neat items in the Collectors' Corner.

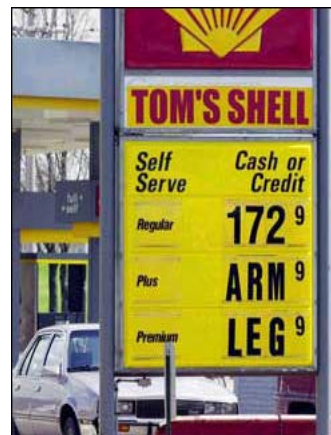
T-shirt Sale!

I think we still have some t-shirts left. They are on sale for \$10.00! We have XL, 2X, and 3X. Contact Travis Barefoot, gobsugo@volksfolks.org.

Post-mortem Party Post-poned!

The party was scheduled for June 30th but has been postponed due to all the rain we had and the fact that the ground around Herb & Dee's pond was quite soggy. So, stay tuned for a new date!

...and how about those gas prices?



They're giving away a '69 Transporter this year. Stay tuned to the Volks Folks e-mail list for caravan info. www.sevwc.com

Southeastern Bug Fair Super Swam Meet & Car Show

September 9
I heard this was a really great show last year.
www.sebugfair.homestead.com

Hangin' Dawg VII VW Camp-out

September 14-15
Forest Campground in Murphy, NC
Hosted by our neighbors, the Cool Breeze club in Cleveland.
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Volkswagen Events

Don't forget the **DAV show** this Saturday night (Jul 14). We are going after the **CLUB PARTICIPATION** trophy!

Meet at the Village Square Mall on Keith Street in Cleveland at 5:30 PM to cruise to the show together.

Cost is a donation of \$10 to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) organization to park with the show cars and be judged. Trophies are awarded and they do have a VW class.

Circle Yer Wagens

July 21-22
Sevier County Fairgrounds
Sevierville, TN
They're trucking in sand to build a beach at this show! VW Show, Swap, and Riverbank Camping. Stay tuned to the Volks Folks the e-mail list for caravan info. www.avwa.com

High Country Bus Festival

July 27-29
Near Boone, NC
www.mindspring.com/~contecmidwest

Volunteer Bug Jam

August 3-5
Chilhowee Park/Fairgrounds in Knoxville, TN

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Volks Folks Web Site Wins Award!

Our very own web site (www.volksfolks.org) has been awarded the "Best of Chattanooga Web" award by ChattanoogaWeb.com. Congratulations to Perk for a job well done!

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Shoot the Breeze

By Travis Barefoot

Gone South: Part VI

What is it about a good friendship that can make you feel guilty? If you started a journey out with friends as a team, and because of bad luck or whatever else that could go wrong, you had to split up and continue on without the other half of your team, would you feel like there was something wrong with the picture? Linda and I felt that way as we talked on our walk to the phone to contact Luke and Candace. We expressed to each other how we felt that even though we were making the best of it, something was wrong, or missing. It's not that we really felt guilty about us being in the Keys and they were stuck in Naples, we felt that we really weren't having the best time because we had split up the team. What it really came down to was this; we felt that we would have a better time *with* Luke and Candace wherever we ended up rather than at our beachside paradise *without* them. That's why I asked about feeling guilty in a friendship earlier. I really don't think that guilt should have a place there. But it sneaks in sometimes.

Missing Luke and Candace wasn't the only factor that played a part in our next decision. We took into regard the heat on top of the biting flies and mosquitoes, and went from there. If their bus was finished, we would stay. If it wasn't finished, then we would go back to Naples. On our first attempt at calling them, there was no answer. After nearly an hour of trying to get them, we finally got an answer. My first question was if the bus was finished. No, it wasn't, but Otto had started on it and should be finished with it on Wednesday at the latest. So we asked if they wanted to meet us here at the park and go to Key West on Wednesday in the rental car. Only after they agreed to come did we tell them about the way we felt. There was nothing else we could do but to leave the beachside campsite, go back to Naples and finish off the vacation there. I couldn't really tell, but I think I could feel the vibes of good feelings emanating from the telephone receiver. I'm pretty sure Luke felt them too.

Now we could quit feeling bad, knowing that we were "doing the right thing". So what if we could only spend a few days on a well-planned vacation actually doing things that we wanted to do. We walked back to the bus under a glittering veil of stars and the surf's aural assault, content that we had made the right choice. After sleep, we woke up and walked the beach at sunrise. I took some of the best sunrise pictures that I had ever seen. We even ventured past the "forbidden zone" on the beach. Wouldn't you know that the only other person on the beach was a ranger, who from far away, looked ordinary, but as she got closer I knew we were going to be told that we were not

supposed to be there. She mentioned something about how the hurricanes had washed up all sorts of stuff on the beach and we could get hurt. I felt like telling her that two grown adults could take care of themselves, but held my tongue. After that, we went to the ranger's station and canceled the remaining two days. We had already been "visiting" with the park rangers by way of checking messages from Naples. They were probably tired of seeing us and gave us our money back just to get rid of us. Just kidding. They were actually very cool about the



situation. We went back to camp and started to pack up to get ready to meet Luke and Candace at the park entrance. After several trips to the gate to see if they had arrived, they finally did so. I parked Sweetpea in a space that faced the ocean. If she couldn't go to Key West, then she could stare at the ocean all day. We then hopped into the rental and headed further south.

In keeping with the theme of "what can go wrong will", our next endeavor was to find a good seafood restaurant in Key West to sample some fresh seafood and fish. We picked up a brochure at the Chamber of Commerce that praised the dishes and service at this one restaurant. It was a floating eatery on the side of a pier. After finally finding it, we walked all the way to the door only to find that it was closed. Not just closed for the day, but closed as in "out of business". According to the date on the sign, it had been closed for several months. The brochure didn't mention that fact. Shoot, the friendly lady behind the counter at the Chamber of Commerce didn't mention it either. Anyway, we went to the Hard Rock Café to eat and then spent the rest of our time shopping. We visited many stores, but the one that stuck out the most was one called "The Environmental Circus". Their wares consisted of T-shirts, stickers, magazines, sandals, cigarettes and various other things that

you could think of and other things you wouldn't. I almost bought this handbag that was made out of leather and VW hubcaps. The hubcaps had holes drilled all around the edges and leather strings strapped the leather to the hubcaps on either end. As neat as it was, I passed on what I conceived to be a purse. I didn't buy it for Linda either...she thought it was too bulky.

After many hours shopping and walking the streets of Key West, we decided that it was time to go back to the park, get Sweetpea, and head on to Naples. On our way out, we stopped at a beach for a pit stop at their restrooms. There in the parking lot was an early bus, purple as a swollen plum, with stripes, circles and designs all over it. Never did see the owner though. We took care of business and then piled into the rental (with air, mind you) and headed back north, which would be the direction of travel for the next few days. We stopped back at the park to retrieve Sweetpea, who had been dreaming in front of the ocean all day. Before we left, we took Luke and Candace around the park to show them the places we had been and the things we had done. We said goodbye to the pelicans and fish and headed unevenly back to Naples. One note of good news, though. Before we pulled out of the park, Luke received a phone call from Otto. The bus was ready! Wouldn't you know it, our vacation was practically over and now Luke would finally have his bus back.

It was nearly 2:00 A.M. when we pulled into the motel parking lot in Naples. There was a '74 Westfalia (bus trouble?) parked in a space in the lot. I pulled in beside it to let Sweetpea give it some company. And of course I couldn't go to the room without leaving a Scenic City Volks Folks card on their window. Maybe it would still be there in the morning and we could meet the owners. We went to the room to rest up for the next day, which would be full of taking in the entertainment that Naples could offer. That would be after we picked up Luke's bus and returned the rental car. But all that was for the morning...tonight was for sleeping.

To be continued...

Till later,
Travis
GoBusGo!

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Show Report

By Lamar Lewis

Alhambra Shrine Car Show

We had 7 VW's to cruise the Alhambra Shrine Car Show on June 24th. There were two nice VW convertibles already there which made a grand total of 10 VW's at the show.

We had a very nice day, weather was good

and the food was excellent. There was a very good turnout of show cars. Two of our club members took home big trophies. Both Dee Keedy and Jami Lowery were in the top three of their class. Dee entered "Beetle Juice", and Jami entered the "Triple White". Congratulations to both of them. They made us proud!

Those who attended the show were:

? Zen in his Super Beetle

? Eric and Shasta in their Cabrio
? Russ in his Westfalia
? Herb and Dee in Beetle Juice
? Jami in her Triple White
? Misty and Anthony in Jami's silver convertible
? Lamar and Cindy in their Westfalia
? Gorge Rymer in the Kubelwagon

Das Karmann Column

(MORE) SHOW REPORTS or THE BRITISH INVASION

By Anthony Henderson

Corrections regarding last month's article: Geoffrey James wrote [The Tao of Programming](#), Brian English wrote [The Tao of Neons](#), which inspired me to write [The Tao of Volkswagens](#). My apologies for any confusion!

First: The Campmobile is finally home! Our big green baby is once again dripping oil in our driveway for the first time since Christmas. How does it look? Well, I'm going to have it buffed before it's over, but I'm pretty darn happy with it. It's good to have it back with a little time left this summer to use it. High Country Bus Festival, here we come!

Anyone who knows me well knows my automotive affections do not begin and end with (but do seem to center around) the Volkswagen. Basically, if it has four wheels, I can dig it. In addition to several VW shows, this summer I have also taken in a British car show in Atlanta, and attended the Neon 2001 reunion in Chicago. After this, I can say that there are many differences between , Anglophiles, Mopar (Chrysler) fans, and Volkswagen aficionados.

Rex Wheeler and I go back to my days of peddling Fords at a certain dealership in Hixson. As the only two Mopar fans there, we stuck pretty close. But recently, he acquired an MG-B, then another, then another, and now he's hooked on anything built under the Union Jack. One weekend, Rex invited me to a British marque car show in Atlanta, so we hopped in his Volvo (go figure) and headed out.

I expected to see a heap of MGs and Triumphs, and was not disappointed. I did not expect to see a row of 25 60s vintage Jaguar XKEs, six Lotus Esprits, an Aston Martin that looked like it drove off the set of a James Bond movie, and a pre-war Rolls Royce that could have crossed the auction block well into six figures! This was a show of about three hundred cars at a vineyard with a European-styled Villa that would look right at home in the English countryside.

Needless to say, I felt a bit out of my element. Brit fans are a bit different than VW fans. Rex got into a deep discussion over the many shades of British Racing Green (shouldn't there be only one?) with an MG owner. There was a tiny swap meet for such a large show, and it mostly dealt in new items. The owners there did not seem the type to do much of their own wrenching, anyway. There was an abundance of beer and wine, however. The owners do prefer to do their own drinking (in moderation, of course), and were lucky to have a site that could readily accommodate them! No, there weren't any campers on site, although one Triumph driver was towing a turret-top Puck "caravan" that would have looked right at home behind a vintage Westy.

As to the cars themselves, They seem to like them stock. No, you won't find any lowered, flamed Sunbeam Tigers or chopped and channeled Mini Coopers there. These guys like their cars as is, hold the mayo and purple headlights. I don't get the impression many of these are daily drivers, except for the Triumphs and MGs. These guys struck me as being most similar to the VW fans. They drive and enjoy their autos, and they

are not pretentious about their cars. We saw many caravanning to the show, tops down and hair (those that still had it) flowing in the wind. The Range Rover crowd, sequestered in the hilly portion of the site, seemed a bit outcast, but showed their mud and scar encrusted brutes with all the pride of the concours crowd. The British fans are proud of their racing heritage, and you'll see many examples of historic sports and touring race-cars, a few with only three wheels!

This was also the occasion of the Southern unveiling of the new BMW Mini. I took note of the oddity of a German car bowing at a British show, as well as the handlebar-mustached guy from cable's [My Classic Car](#) filming it all as a pipe and drum band played "Scotland The Brave". Watch out, New Beetle and PT Cruiser owners, this car just may be the next hot thing to have, if you can get one, that is!

I must say, I enjoyed my foray into the world of British cars. There were many nice people and nice vehicles with "bonnets" instead of hoods, "hoods" instead of roofs, "boots" instead of trunks, and "motors" in the "front" instead of in the rear. Don't worry, though. You won't see us pulling into the next meeting in a Midget, unless we're towing it behind our Westfalia!

Next month: We must be off! to Chicago to the Neon Reunion and Mopar show.

Questions? Comments?
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By Jami Lowery

I'm filling in for Eldon this month (plus I had some space to fill!) I'm not as informed about Johnny Lightning, Matchbox, and Hot Wheels as Eldon, but I have seen a couple of interesting things lately.

Road & Track has a new set of Hot Haulers

Collectors' Corner

& Cool Cars out, Series 4. This series, like Series 3, has a bus pulling an old bug set except in this series they are red instead of gray. Also in Series 4 is a yellow and white bus pulling a yellow New Beetle! I picked one of these up at my local Wal Mart. I also noticed in the Disney Catalog (for those who like Disney as much as VWs, like me) a die-cast red convertible Beetle by Ertl

with Mickey and Minnie and the back seat is filled with presents! These are \$39 and you can find them at the Disney Store online by searching for Ertl.

Also, Anthony told me about a Tonka New Beetle he spotted at Wal-Mart. It's a Hot Wheel-sized car. It was spotted in yellow!

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Waterfest for Water Lovers

There's a show for water-cooled VWs and Audis in New York City Sunday, July 22. Check out www.waterfest.net.

Official 2002 Model Info from VWOA

2002 Golf

- New color (Mojave Beige)
- Premium CD/cassette radio standard on GLS (mid-model year introduction)
- Cruise control indicator light
- 4 doors will now be available on GL

2002 GTI

- Model realignment (no more GLS or GLX distinction)
- GTI available with 1.8T or VR6 engine
- GTI VR6 available at a lower content and price point (price to be announced later)
- GTI 1.8T will increase from 150hp to 180hp and add a rear deck "1.8T" badge
- 5-speed automatic transmission (first car in its segment to offer this feature) with Tiptronic® available on 1.8T
- New VR6 24V with 201 hp and 6 speed manual transmission will replace current 12V VR6 later in year
- Accentuated dual chrome exhaust on 24V VR6 models
- New color (Indigo Blue)
- New Gray Leather interior
- Premium CD/cassette radio (mid-model year introduction)
- Cruise control indicator light
- On/off switch for self dimming mirror

2002 New Beetle

- New sporty Turbo S model added to line up will have a higher output 1.8T engine with 180hp, a 6-speed manual transmission and special interior and exterior sport trim features (available in early 2002)
- Turbo S will feature "turbo S" badge

- "turbo" badge will be on all models with 1.8T engine
- Special color concept for limited-edition New Beetle Snap Orange
- Special limited exterior color Riviera Blue
- Cruise control indicator light
- New colors (Platinum Grey, Marlin Blue will replace Batik Blue, Blue Lagoon will replace Techno Blue, Double Yellow will replace Yellow and Reflex Silver will replace Silver Arrow)
- 1.8T now equipped with standard 16" alloy wheels
- New wheel cover for GL and GLS (not including the 1.8T)
- New 16" 6 spoke wheel available on GLS as part of the luxury package on the 2.0 L and TDI
- Higher quality leatherette added as a no cost option (upgraded from current leatherette)

2002 Jetta

- New VR6 24V with 201 hp and 5-speed automatic transmission (first car in its segment to offer this feature) with Tiptronic® will replace current 12V VR6 by mid model year
- Manual transmission (6-speed) will be available later in the year for the VR6 24V
- Accentuated dual chrome exhaust on 24V VR6 models
- 1.8T engine increased from 150hp to 180hp
- 5-speed automatic transmission (first car in its segment to offer this feature) with Tiptronic® available on 1.8T
- Premium CD/cassette radio for GLS and GLX
- New Color (Reflex Silver will replace Silver Arrow)
- Trunk escape handle
- Cruise control indicator light
- On/Off switch for self dimming mirror

2002 Jetta Wagon

- 1.8T engine increased from 150 hp to 180 hp
- 5-speed automatic transmission (first car in its segment to offer this feature) with Tiptronic® available on 1.8T
- 1.9L TDI engine available on GL and GLS
- Premium CD/cassette radio for GLS and GLX
- Cruise control indicator light
- On/Off switch for self dimming mirror

2002 Cabrio

- On/Off switch for self dimming mirror
- New colors (Reflex Silver added and Marlin Blue will replace Batik Blue)
- New Grey Top with Flannel Grey Interior will be available with Reflex Silver
- Trunk escape handle

2002 new Passat

- Trunk escape handle
- Cruise control indicator light
- Premium CD/cassette radio
- On/Off switch for self dimming mirror

2002 new Passat Wagon

- Cruise control indicator light
- Premium CD/cassette radio
- On/Off switch for self dimming mirror

2002 EuroVan

- Colors Emerald Green, Reflex Silver and Black Magic Pearl will now also be available on the MV with Weekender package

VW Improves Warranty

2002 models will come with 4 yr/50,000 mile warranty, up from previous 2 yr/24,000.

Heard any good rumors lately?

Please send them to :
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