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**August Meeting:
Monday, August 20
7:00 P.M.
Wally's Restaurant
I-75 & Ringgold Rd.**

Hey Folks! We're back this month in living color! No, it wasn't your eyes! Last month we had a bit of a time crunch and I apologize for the lack of color. I thought we had some really great articles though. Which brings me to this month's articles. We have a jam-packed 6-page issue this month. In this issue you'll find the last installment of Travis' "Goin South." It

has been a long time coming but I have enjoyed every installment! Thanks Travis for sharing this adventure with us.

Anthony continues exposing us to a little non-VW culture in his Das Karmann Column. This month we get a glimpse into the world of the Mopar enthusiast.

We have lots of show reports for you this month. Misty and Anthony bring us reports (along with a few pictures) from the Heart of Dixie VW show, the High Country Bus Festival, and the DAV show. Zen writes about the Circle Yer Wagens XIII and Bug Jam experiences.

Party Time!

You know that picnic we've been talking about for months? Well, we finally have a time and place! It will be held **Saturday, August 18 at 3:00 at the YMCA's Camp Fulleridge**. There are picnic facilities, a pool, and camping is also available! If you have any questions or want to sign the "Who's Bringing what" list, give Melody a call at 423-847-9027. Thanks to Russ for making arrangements for this primo location!

Hope to see everyone there!

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Zen wins Major Award!

Congratulations to our own Zen Hendricks for winning the Southeast Volkswagen Enthusiast of the year award! This was presented to Zen at the Volunteer Bug Jam.

Perk also set a record for the fastest time in the "Back-Up Jack Rally."

Way to go guys!

Welcome New Members!

Eric and Shasta Johnson, The Guthries (Kyle, Betty, Kim, Austin), Larry Young, John and Jennifer Moore, Travis and Brandy Young, Waymond Kyle, and Leonard Thurman.

Volkswagen Events

Buses on the River

August 17-19
Nolichucky Gorge Campground
Www.geocities.com/
goodolevolk/busriver.html

Foreign Policy's Grand Opening

August 18
Valdosta, GA
Car show, open house and free food. 229-244-3814.
sevwc@sevwc.com

Southeastern BugFair Super Swapmeet & Car Show

September 9
Toccoa, GA
I hear this is a really great show!
864-639-1100, 706-886-0228
www.sebugfair.homestead.com

Hangin Dawg VII Campout

September 14-16
Hangin Dawg National Forest
Campground, Murphy, NC
Hosted by our friends in the Cool Breeze! Call George 426-176-6964, or Herb 423-396-2713, or e-mail lewisjll@home.com.

Central Alabama VW Club

Show & Shine
August 16
Birmingham, AL
205-854-2951
Loujo62@earthlink.net

Low Country VW Club's Show

September 29
Charleston, SC
843-761-2810

Tater@juno.com
www.angelfire.com/sc2/vw

North vs. South Shootout

September 30
Hartsville, SC
www.geocities.com/
~ksracecars/north2k1.htm

Also remember...

DAV Open Car Show

Cleveland, TN
The next is the second Saturday in September (8th). Since we started showing up at these last year they created a category just for VWs! Always a great time. Also, remember in October they have a big end of season show.

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Shoot the Breeze

By Travis Barefoot

Gone South: Part VII

Today was the day. The last day of our excursion to Paradise was dawning, bringing with it the promise of sandy beaches, shopping and sunshine. We woke up a little late that morning, mainly because of the time we arrived the night before. Taking a look outside, I could see that the sun was already beating down, heating the motel parking lot to cooking temperatures and the prospect for rain was slim. Gone was the bus that had slept the night with Sweetpea as a companion. In its place and in my mind was the wonder and mystery of destinations unknown. The motel pool rippled in excitement, seeming to invite us to dive in and forget the myriad of things we had planned for the day. But we didn't let it entice us with its wet appeal. We had things to do.

The first thing we had to do was to retrieve Luke's bus from the mystical hands of Otto. After a quick shower and even quicker breakfast, we headed to the shop for the rescue. Linda and Candace came along to give us company and also to see Otto's shop firsthand. When we got there, it was only a matter of paying the bill, and perhaps discussing the bus' previous problem that stood between us and the beach, and of course, shopping. But when the subject of conversation is VW, the time spent talking seems to be only a grain of sand in the hourglass. That's what it feels like, although many hours can go by and you won't even realize it. We had to pull ourselves away when we finally determined that it was time to go. With some of Otto's business cards in hand, we said good-bye and drove back to the motel. The beaches and shopping strips were waiting.

Back at the motel, Luke volunteered to drive his bus to the beach. We decided that would be a good idea, mainly to test the longevity of Otto's repair. We got our swimsuits and beach gear and headed to the bus. What was that in the sky? BLACK clouds. Now it could have been one of the 5-minute storms that Florida is famous for, but we couldn't tell that, so we just went anyway. We picked Marco Island, which is just south of Naples, to spend our time and money. It sounded like a happening place anyway. The rain started as we headed south and at times got really heavy. We figured that since it was raining, we would get the shopping done before we headed to the beach. But we were in for a big disappointment. If Naples is a retirement community, Marco Island is the geriatric center. We were looking for malls

and beach stores...all we found was drug stores and hat shops. Every place we stopped seemed to be catering to the general population, mostly retirees. But to the island's credit, they did have a good tobacco store. And there was at least one other bus besides Luke's. Nestled in a parking space of some apartments, was a later model camper, seen by only the trained eye from the highway. We spotted it and at least got to look at it before giving up on the shopping of Marco Island and attempting a visit to their beaches.

The sky was full of clouds, mostly black, but it was only sprinkling as we headed for the beach. Maybe we would get lucky and not get rained on. As we pulled into the beach



parking lot, there was only one other car there. Cool, at least someone else had faith in weather. But did the rain stop? No, it only got heavier as we walked out to the water and stood under a covered shelter full of rental beach equipment. At times it quit long enough for a short walk along the shore, but it would soon start back up again. When the lightning started striking with the thunder rolling, we made a dash for the bus, not once seeing the owner of the car back in the lot. We decided to try our luck back up at Naples, just to find something to eat at least. We found a seafood restaurant that was pretty hopping with customers, so we figured it had to be good. For once, our suspicions were true, and ended up having a nice meal. Normally, I stay away from seafood. My only justification for eating the shrimp and lobster was the reassurance to myself that we were *next to the ocean*. Surely it had to be fresh!

Well, the early afternoon turned into late afternoon. We went back to the motel to pick up the rental to turn back in. We ate supper at the local Olive Garden and made our way to the rental office where they gave us a ride back to the motel. The weather was finally turning nice, so once again, we loaded up in Luke's bus and headed for the Naples beach. The trip to the beach was worth it. It was approaching sundown, and the view from the pier was beautiful. We saw schools of stingray in the water, turning this way and that in some sort of organized fashion. They say that as the sun sets over the ocean, you can hear it sizzle as it "dips into the water". We listened as hard as we could, but nary a sizzle was to be heard. After several pictures of the sun setting, we made our way back to the bus, leaving the pounding surf behind us. We headed back through town, stopping for ice cream and reflections on our way back to the motel. We would be leaving tomorrow, going back home after another stay at my grandmother's house. Essentially, the vacation was over.

The rest of the trip, unlike the first part of it, was uneventful. We just made our way in reverse order of our way down, slept in the same spot at grandma's house, and left out early the next day. After all we had been through, having nothing happen on the way home was almost a disappointment. We had come to expect the unexpected, to believe the unbelievable, and to wait for the inevitable. The vacation, at first, was the Ying for our Yang...not how we had planned. But here's the kicker. Even though Luke's bus broke down, even though we were separated as a team for a while, and even though things didn't turn out like we had planned, we still had fun by making the best of what

fate had to offer. What's that saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade"? Well, our faces were puckering after all the lemonade we had to drink. So, if you're looking for a moral in this epic adventure, then let it be this; cherish your friendships, make the most of any situation, whether bad or worse, and most of all, your VW *will* get you home. At least that's what I got out of it!

Till later,
Travis
GoBusGo!

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Das Karmann Column

By Anthony Henderson

FOREIGN EXCHANGE, PART TWO. or MOPAR OR NO CAR(?)

This month continues our foreign-exchange trip. This time we go from England to the USA to delve into the culture of the Mopar fan. Caution: bad roads and good hot dogs ahead.

I must admit, I've been pretty excited about my Nitro Yellow-Green Neon ACR (American Club Racer) lately. Those of you who were at Sevierville this spring remember me gushing about it after seeing it at lunch. The dealer had no idea he was holding one of 98 cars of that type, and a car I lusted after since it was new. As it turns out, Neons have their own reunion, much the same as Saturns and New Beetles. Neon 2001 takes place in conjunction with a larger Mopar show held at the Belvidere Assembly Plant (Home of the Neon) outside of Chicago.

Let me first say, drive in Chicago at your own risk. Lane changing is nothing to these people. They have long since ripped their turn signal stalks out and used them as weapons. The frost-heaved obstacle courses they loosely refer to as "roads" will bruise your kidneys. None of those 18-inch wheels - wrapped-in-electrical-tape-thin-40-series tires here. They wouldn't last a week. Nice lake, though.

If you do go to Chicago, leave your diet at home. Bratwurst (brats), Chicago-style hot dogs, and Chicago-style pizza will have you asking if they will freeze it and ship you some to your house. and some will!

Neon 2001 was a nearly week long happening, including shows, factory tours, drag racing, and autocross racing, both with your own car and the race-prepped 2001 Neon Challenge race cars. We made three of the shows, one all-Neon, one hosted by the Rockford Dodge dealership, and one very large all-Mopar show at the plant. I also got to take a few hot laps in a Neon Challenge car.

Describing Mopar enthusiasts is tough. They like to be differentiated from the Chevy and Ford guys. They can look at a VIN tag and tell you if a car has the

correct engine, transmission, paint, seating arrangement, name it. They feel the same way about the PT Cruiser as VW fans feel about the New Beetle. Many go for the restored look. Those that modify usually keep it in the engine compartment. They are happy with the looks of their cars, except those that try to stuff the largest tires possible under the fenders. In my days at Coker Tire, it was always they who needed to know the EXACT dimension of the tires they were getting. They go for colors like Panther Pink, Sub-Lime, Ultra Violet, and Nitro Yellow-Green, sometimes with the "White Hat Special", a white vinyl top (Yes, this IS the original color). They usually agree that a "factory console car" with a "pistol-grip shifter", 4-speed, and "rim-blow" steering wheel is the combination to have. They know what a "Scat Pack bee" is, and can tell you which bee sticker goes on which year. When they are talking about "getting a six-pack and twisting up the rubbers Saturday night", they are pleased with the tire-spinning torque their new carburetors provide, so don't get offended. By the way, if you're looking for common ground, don't mention Daimler-Chrysler's new German ownership. They are not amused.

Although it was a great weekend, other than driving in Chicago, I doubt we will be attending Neon 2002. Next year I have a feeling we will be making the trek to Roswell to see the Mother Ship, so stay tuned! I hope these last two articles have given a peek into the cultures of enthusiasts of other types of cars. It's kind of like a trip to a foreign country. It's different and exciting, but I am always excited to return to the Fatherland of Volkswagen. Just keep in mind, anyone looking for another brand of car would do well to remember the words of VW's ad agency of the sixties, Doyle Dane Bernbach,

"Before you look at their new ones, look at their old ones."



Zen's Important Safety Tips

Some of you may have heard me talk about the hairdresser in LaFayette that has for years been driving a beat up, rusty 74 Sunbug. She isn't driving it anymore . . . she has moved up to a low mileage, white 98 New Beetle.

She ran an add in the Walker County paper and was asking \$400 for her Sunbug. She had offers of \$300 and \$350 and turned them down because she felt like those two potential buyers were going to part it out and scrap it. Joy and I went to look at it and she ask us if we wanted it for \$200. She was doing her best not to cry when we drove off.

It is rough inside and out, but runs and drives great! The sunroof works perfectly! The Sunbug shift knob is gone, but the padded wheel is there and super nice condition. I think brakes must have been a option on this model and she didn't want to spend the extra money. Maybe that's why all 4 fenders, the hood and deck lid are bent up. It has a great spare, but it's not mounted on a wheel.

Her brother had bought it from the original owner for his daughter to drive to college, then sold it to her over 15 years ago. She has driven it almost every day since then, doing very little in the way of maintenance . . . but it was like the energizer bunny; it kept going and going and going . . . UNTIL I got out of site of her house. We had a minor setback on the trip home . . . but after putting out the fire (luckily we had a couple of bottles of water in the Baja and Joy was right behind me), we made a quick trip to the parts store, came back and replaced the fuel hoses, wrapped tape around all the wiring that no longer has insulation, and replaced the burnt into coil wire, it finished the trip.

Important Safety Tip:

PLEASE! CHECK THE CONDITION OF YOUR FUEL LINES! If you have any question about their condition, replace them. Carrying a fire extinguisher isn't a bad idea either.

Show Reports

By Anthony Henderson



Misty and I attended the Heart of Dixie VW Show in Snellville, GA on July first. The show was held in the shadow of Stone

Mountain at the Dwight Harrison Volkswagen dealership with the small sign with the large tree in front of it. You know the one. Anyway, after touring the countryside, rechecking our directions and doubling back we found an entertaining show at a very accommodating dealership.

We felt like we were stepping into a time machine, as we came upon the cars centered on the display pad in front of the dealership. Not 2001 models, but Sixties vintage VWs including a Campmobile, Microbus, Double Cab Pickup, and Beetle Cabriolet! In back was a fine collection of show cars and

parts vendors. Show coverage was being provided by VW Trends. The Southeastern VW Club had a good turnout and good variety for their second annual show, and we wish them good luck on their third! If you attend next year's event, just don't be distracted by the NOPI dealer on the other side of the street as you drive past!



By Misty Henderson

Two shows, one article, zero breakdowns

This article will feature two separate events in which various club members participated in, and thankfully there were no breakdowns during either event.

First, on July 27th Anthony and I began the longest adventure that we have endeavored in the camper. We set out for Boone to attend the High Country Bus Festival campout at about 3:00pm, and six hours later we arrived. The trip was nice until we got just past Murphy NC when we heard our exhaust get louder and louder. We pulled off and checked some things, and nothing appeared

out of the ordinary, so we assumed the exhaust had split. So we climbed back in, turned up the volume on the radio, and kept on moving. We drove through a cloud over one of the mountains, and suddenly we weren't the slowest moving vehicle on the road. Once we arrived, we set up camp and went to bed.

The next morning, we found Travis and Linda and looked around at all of the other campers. There were many different types of VWs there. There were Westys, Vanagons, Eurovans, and many others. There were not many activities planned, but it was great to be able to camp in the VW and not have to worry about getting up early to begin the preparation of being judged. Everyone was very friendly, and a great time was had by all. The only complaint I had was that it was a little rainy, and there wasn't much of a view

due to all of the clouds. By the way, the camper was worn out from the trip. The exhaust doesn't seem to be the problem anymore, but something somewhere is not happy.

Second, on August 11th the monthly DAV show was held. Club members Eric, Shasta, Russ, Jami, Anthony, Misty, and the Guthrie family met up at the show. The overall turnout of the show was lower than the previous months' due to the threat of bad weather. Out of the three VWs entered, the following walked away with trophies: Eric and Shasta with Chip the Westy, Jami with her triple white convertible, and Anthony and myself with the New Beetle. There will be one more monthly show this year scheduled for September, and the DAV will be having their big annual car show in October.



By Zen Hendricks

CIRCLE YER WAGENS, XIII

(The Beach Party)
July 21 & 22, 2001 - Sevier County Fairgrounds, Sevierville, TN

Early Saturday morning (7/21/01), a small caravan of VWs pulled out of the BiLo in Ooltawah, TN heading for the "Beach." The caravan started out with 9 VW and 20 Volks Folks members, but got bigger as we went. Just up the road from Ooltawah, we stopped

to pick up George Rymer of the Cool Breeze Club, and at one of our restroom breaks along the way we meet Waymond Kile from Dalton who was also headed to the show with his beautifully restored 66 Bug. After we arrived at the show, Waymond paid his dues and became the newest Volks Folks member!

This was the AVWA's first mid-summer show at the fair grounds, but their years of experience showed. There was something for everyone. This show's theme was "The Beach Party" and included plenty of beach music

and a homemade beach that the kids really enjoyed. There were also VW powered air boat rides on the river, engine and stereo sound-off contest, an engine blow, and one of the most unique VW powered vehicles ever seen . . . a motorcycle powered by an air-cooled engine and transaxle. And, of course, there was the usual collection of some of the best VWs the southeast has to offer, and one of the largest VW swap meets around.

Just before most of the Volks Folks crowd packed up for the trip back we gathered to

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watch the burn-out competition. The top two "Smoke Makers" were a New Beetle and an old high-top camper bus . . . both driven by the same member of the Georgia Weekend Gypsies. The Bus and Beetle put a couple of expensive and powerfull looking rail buggies to shame!

After a day of fun in the sun at the Beach, most of our club members headed back towards the Scenic City, but Eric and Shasta Johnson braved the heat and camped so

they could enjoy the second day. Waymond Kile also stayed and showed his '66 Bug. They were rewarded with 1st place trophies in their respective classes!

Most of the returning caravan stopped at the A&W Drive-In in Madisonville for a little more food, fun, and fellowship. All in all it was a great show and everyone had a blast. We did, however miss all of those who couldn't make it. With a few more members, we could have taken the Club Participation trophy.

Club members participating included: Lamar

& Cindy Lewis & guest George Rymer (driving their Westy, Jiminy), Herb & Dee Keedy (driving their 21 Window Bus), Russ Jackson (driving his Westy, Julio), Eric & Shasta Johnson (driving and camping in their Westy, Chip), Andy, Melody & Michael Bardas (driving their new Jetta), Kim, Kyle & Betty Guthrie (driving Herman, their 74 sun-roof Super Beetle), Zen & Joy Hendricks and Jesse Quillen (driving the Baja), Waymond Kile (driving his '66 bug), Travis, Linda & Talia Barefoot (driving their Eurovan), and Perk Evans (driving his New Beetle, iBug)

By Zen Hendricks

8th annual Volunteer Bug Jam

August 3-5, 2001
Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, TN

SATURDAY

(I missed Saturday's caravan, but Perk had this excellent write up on it on the web site.) Well, this was another great showing for the Volks Folks. We missed the veteran members that could not join us and send wishes to them as several families have illness and other things that prevented them from attending.

As has become SOP, we met at the Bi-Lo in Ooltewah @ 7am and pulled onto the big slab @ 7:30am headed for Chilhowee Park in Knoxville. We had a slow leisurely ride up 75N with a quick stop in Sweetwater for the basics and then on to the show.

Upon our arrival, we were somewhat disappointed in the turnout at this event. Their were only a handful of show cars and minimal spectators. We made the rounds and some of us picked up a few bargains, while others admired the small sampling of VDubs.

As is typical Volks Folks fashion, we made the best of the situation and found a nice cool spot under some mighty shade trees, and proceeded to fellowship. There was alot of "pocket talk" and getting to know each other better. At about 4pm we made one last walk of the show and then saddled up for home (Travis & Brandy, Anthony & Misty headed out earlier in the day).

The trip back was smooth and quick. We gathered at the home of our VP Herb Keedy for some recap on the events of the day. Lots of Fun & Too Much Sun!

7 VWs & 15 folks made up the Volks Folks contingent for Day 1: Russ Jackson & Kim Guthrie (driving Russ's Westy, Julio), Eric & Shasta Johnson (driving Drew, the topless one), John & Jennifer Moore (driving their Mojovie Beige New Beetle, Gold Bug), Travis & Brandy Young (driving their blue bus), Kyle, Betty & Austin Guthrie (driving Herman, the 74 sunroof Super Beetle), Misty & Anthony Henderson (driving their New Beetle), and Perk Evans (driving his New Beetle, iBug)

SUNDAY

Day 2 started out ion our typical fasion . . . we left about 30 minutes late from the BiLo in Ooltawah with a few less folks than planned, but we hit the interstate and made pretty good time getting to the show. As reported for Saturday, attendance was way down of this show. Not only less cars, but also a very sparse swap meet. There were still some good parts and bargins to be found for those who braved the heat and were willing to plunder. Like most of the other folks at the show, much of the day was spent looking for a good shady spot to sit around in and talk. Even though attendance was down, The NSVWA who puts on the show kept the crowd entertained with live bands, and various driving skills competions throughout the day.

Zen and Russ made a valiant attempt at the Nerf Ball Rally, but came up about 3 seconds short of the winning time. Russ was perfect grabbing the balls from the funnel and stuffing them in small baskets, but Zen couldn't quite get his Baja around the course fast enough. The team did cut over 3 seconds off their time on their second and final attempt. Inspired by the effort, Perk entered

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Collectors' Corner

By Eldon Eskridge

Hello all you collectors. WOW, stuff has really picked up over the past month or so. Lets start with Matchbox, 2 new 5-packs are out, mostly at K-mart. 1st they have a D.A.R.E. 5-pack. This has a yellow NB with black and silver graphics w ith D.A.R.E. printed down the side. The 2nd 5-pack would be about the coolest one I think I have ever seen. It is called Wings and Water. It contains 3 VW-based cars, one is an early bug that's purple with a cartoon fish in blue on the sides. Also, a sand rail in red. Then the best is the split 67 panel. This one is dark blue with a light blue fish and a yellow fish.

Also from Matchbox is a 2 car Coke set with a early bug in red and the 67 panel in red and white, both with coke graphics. I have also started finding MB's new common line VWs around the area.

The 5th series of Road and Track is out. It's a grey bus and white early bug.

Our best friends in the collecting industry this year is Johnny Lighting. They have jumped on the VWagen this year they have a Sun and Moon panel van set out now. Very nice set. I have found that they have, for the first time, a VW thing in a set, not as a Limited Edition. It comes in the surf rods set #6. It is white and has 2 surf boards hanging out the rear wind shield, and top has been removed. They also have a set of Monopoly cars where the VW panel is painted with free parking graphics. These will be out soon. Also out soon will be a diorama set about the Monkeys. It will come with their 'Cuda and a VW panel for the bands supplies. I've also found a JL die cast put together kit it is of a VW based 'glass buggy it is called Lil van yellow in color. I just found out this, JL and Pez have gotten together and did a 3 bus set. Very cool, all are panels including a fire

police and a sheriffs panel. The pictures that I have seen are very nice.

Hot wheels is trying to do some things for us but have not succeeded yet, although they have, along with Penske oil, released a new drag bus that is very nice. It is mostly black with silver scallops or drips and a silver nose. They have released a silver baja in their main line cars. I have not been able to find that one yet. A 4 car set of bug and buses is available for preorder on the internet but will not be shipping until the first of September. Also, a VW publication that I read did a article on HW and showed a flip top split window bus and said it would be released soon. I guess we will have to wait.

So till next time look high look low. They're out there, go find them.

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iBug in the Back-Up Jack Rally. After almost taking out a piece of re-bar that was driven into the ground on his first attempt, he sat the course record and took home the gold (well a nice plaque at least) with his second attempt!

During the day, Leonard Thurman joined the club. You might remember Leonard and his immaculate 67 Bug Convertible that won it's class and People's Choice at Bug-A-Paluzza 2, and won it's class, Best Engine, and Best of Show at Bug-A-Paluzza 3. During the day, Kathy Jacobs from VW Trends did a photo shoot of his car, so be watching future issues for the article on his car. Also, we finally got everything turned in to Kathy for a VW Trends write-up on Bug-A-Paluzza 3!

After a long day of VWs, fun and again, too

much heat and sun, it was time for the awards. The Volks Folks did very well, especially considering that their were relatively few of us there. Zen Hendricks was awarded the honor of Southeastern Volkswagen Enthusiast of the Year 2001. This award was voted on by email, and thanks to the efforts of all Volks Folks members taking the time to vote, our Volks Folks representative beat out some of the big names in the Southeastern VW Scene. Kathy Jacobs of the Southeastern VW Club and VW Trends was the first runner up. Jennifer Moore's Gold Bug won first in it's class and our newest member, Leonard Thurman won first in his class. Perk received his Back-Up Jack Rally plaque, but despite our best efforts, no Volks Folks members made the cut for the final 5 who drew for the give-away bus!

Volks Folks attending the Sunday portion of the show were: Russ Jackson (Julio), Leo-

nard Thurman (67 VW) *newest member*, John & Jennifer Moore (Gold Bug), Travis, Linda & Talia Barefoot (Eurovan), Joy and Zen Hendricks & Jesse Quillen (69 Baja), and Perk Evans (iBug).

Over the last couple of months, it's plain to see some trends starting to surface: Volks Folks Cars almost always take home a trophy when they are shown . . . but not very many are shown.

The Volks Folks club is coming close to getting club participation honors, but not quite there . . . we're close mainly because of our newest members!

Regardless of the show, the outcome, the weather, or anything else, if the club gets together for any reason, we have FUN! If you miss a get-together of any kind, your missing out on FUN! Be sure to make every club event you can!

Rumors, Wishes, and Blatant Lies

Pokemon Limited Edition New Beetles!

Look for these in 2003! Featuring, of course, "Pikachu," which is among the most sought after of the Pokemon edition NB's. These come in bright yellow. Others in the set include: "Beedrill" is yellow with black stripes (like a bee). "Jigglypuff" are rare and deceptive. They may be cute and pink but you don't want to challenge one of these at a stop light! "Metapod" is green, of course (like a pea pod)! "Charmander" is a turbo! These are orange. Harnessing the power of a Charmander can be difficult, but the effort will pay off! How exciting is this? I know I "Gotta catch 'em all!"

Volks Folks Members Own non-VWs!

I hesitate to put this in print, but it's true. A number of club members actually own non-VW vehicles. Lamar & Cindy have a Studebaker, Verl and Sandra have a 'Cuda, Herb owns a Chevy Blazer (or maybe it's a Ford, I'm afraid I'm not too up on American cars), Anthony & Misty have an award-winning Neon! That's right, they took it to the Neon

2001 reunion in Chicago and won first in its class (also, Anthony says it is even greener than their bus! Really, how can that be?)!

Mary Kay Gets a Facelift!

I don't know if they've stopped giving away their signature pink Cadillacs, but they are giving away an orange New Beetle! Really! Check it out at www.marykay.com.

New Beetle Color Concept

Rumor has it that these are limited editions that will start coming out in the fall. With a Snap Orange coming out in November, followed by a Lagoon Blue. Then in the April/May timeframe a Pale Yellow and Cyber Green. It looks like these will sport a more "colorful" interior. From what I've seen there's an extra color panel on the door (that matches the car color), color seat centers and a color dash "O.S. handle."

After 10 Years, the Eurovan Gets Updated

Sources say the Eurovan got a "mild refresh." This is said to include a new look for

the front and rear, new dash, door panels, and fabrics. I haven't seen one, but I suspect it still looks like a box!

New Super Beetle

Volkswagen plans to add a Beetle RSi to their production vehicles. AND give it a boost to boot! The current "super" Beetle has a 225-horsepower V6, but they want to bump that to a whopping 250-horsies for production. Of course you may have to go to Europe to get one. We'll see.

Zen Buys a Flame Bug

Wait, he actually bought a Sun Bug, it just happened to be flaming before he got it home!

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

Heard any good rumors lately?

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