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NEWS

For Lamar & Cindy Lewis

It's A Volkswagen World Afterall





A Note from the Prez

Labor Day saw members of the **Scenic City Volks Folks** handling the registration, parking and judging for the annual car show in Walker County, Georgia with the proceeds going to *Stocking Full of Love*. This was an all car show with street rods, muscle cars, original antique cars, hot rod trucks, import cars (other than German) and the list goes on a little further. I sincerely wish all of you could have attended this event and have seen what the rest of us (Volks Folks) saw.

I knew the Volkswagen culture was different but I never realized just how different we are. As for being different, I certainly don't mean this in a bad way. The difference comes in our basic lifestyles. I suppose the big difference is Volkswagen people are just a lot easier to get along with. More laid back in their attitudes toward everything. I KNOW Volkswagen folks are a lot friendlier than some of the people we encountered this past weekend. There was NO pleasing some of those folks. We have been having a car show for 7 years now and I've been at every one and I can't honestly recall seeing a group of VW enthusiasts act the way some behaved at the Labor Day show.

When the time came for the awards to be presented, the people in attendance just stood there when someone's name was called to receive a trophy. With just a couple of exceptions, the only time there was any loud applause was when a Volkswagen won a trophy. As we clapped for each other, we were looked at as if we were freaks or something. It was an experience I, for one, am not accustomed to. You didn't see smiling faces or see that many people who appeared to be having a good time. The Volks Folks had a good time in spite of our surroundings.

Our culture (if you want to call it that) is very unique from what I saw Labor Day. Volkswagen enthusiasts, where ever you are, please don't change. Please don't loose your grip on reality and life in general.

Until next month, slow down just a little, take a side road and enjoy the view from inside a Volkswagen. I sincerely believe we see things differently.

Herb

A Word or Two From the Editor...

As I finish up this issue of the **VolksFolks News** I need to take a moment and express my appreciation for all the kind words about the newsletter. While your sentiments about the "look" of the newsletter is greatly appreciated, please be sure to also express your appreciation to those who have taken the time to compose the articles and features in each issue. When I took on this endeavor I had not seen previous issues and I was a little worried about a source for material to include. Happily, my worries were for naught. The contributing writers have been fantastic about getting thier material to me in a timely manner, but even more exciting was my discovery of the talent that each contributor has for writing.

I also have to give Roelf Steyn kudos for being so good as to take the photos for the cover and center spread. I reckon you'll see the efforts of his work printed here for every issue to come or until he tires of my endless ideas for shots and angles to take the pictures at.

We will try to showcase club members rides in every issue. If you have someone's VW you would like to see featured please be sure to let me know.

If there is something you would like to see in a future issue, please be sure to drop me a line at bugz@volksfolks.org.

One final note - after the photo shoot for this month's featured Volkswagens the Lewis' traded Tweety ion, but never fear, they traded her for a Passat!

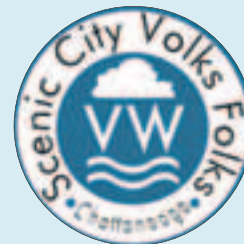
-See you in the slow lane!

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Event Report

Buses By The River - August 20-22, 04

Volks Folks in attendance:
Misty and Anthony Henderson
Eric and Shasta Johnson
Kevin Wilson (Moose)
Travis Barefoot

This was my first time to this annual event held by the **Full Moon Bus Club** in Erwin, TN. Erwin is located about 25 miles southeast of Johnson City, TN. The camping area was shaded...comfortable but cramped. The best part was that the Nolichucky River was only a few hundred feet away from our campsite, which made it very tempting to take a dip (I never even stuck a toe into the water). Misty and Anthony Henderson were the first Volks Folks to arrive, having gone up on Friday to save a spot for those of us who were not able to make it that day. Kevin Wilson (Moose) and I left EARLY Saturday morning and arrived just after 11am. We were in the process of picking out the best way to park for camping, when Eric and Shasta

Johnson showed up in their Golf GTI. Well, we finally got situated and set up camp. The rain decided it wouldn't hold back any longer, and poured, spit and sputtered most of Saturday afternoon, which made for perfect napping time to catch up on much lost sleep.

There were several activities to keep people busy. The **Full Moon Bus Club** usually hosts a Burrito Breakfast at their campouts. This campout was not an exception. From what I heard, they were delicious! There was access to the river for those who wanted to tube, canoe, kayak, or just wade. A lot of the campers took advantage of that, but I didn't feel much like getting wet. I just hung around the camping area, taking pictures and meeting people. Oh, and I took a 4 hour nap...

After supper, the organizers gave away awards and door prizes for the campout participants. If you were there, you got a door prize. At least that's the way it looked. Everyone of the Volks Folks attend-

ing got some prize or another, along with everybody else in attendance. After the awards and giveaway, they had a double matinee. For the kids, there was *Finding Nemo* and for the adults, *Deliverance* (how fitting!).

All in all, the **Full Moon Bus Club** hosted a very nice campout. I have full intentions of adding this to my list of "must do" campouts planned for years to come. Hopefully, it won't rain every time!

-Travis Barefoot



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Shoot the Breeze Feeling Low In The High Country



Man, am I bummed. I have just put away the last of the camping equipment, the pop-top is latched, and Sweetpea is ready to make the long journey home.

Everything is ready to go except for one thing...me. We have just finished up nearly a week camping in the beautiful High Country of North Carolina. This year's High Country Bus Festival was a good one. In spite of the sporadic rain, the weather couldn't have been better; mid 80's in the day and low 60's in the evenings. Almost 175 buses ranging from Split Windows to Eurovans scattered the hillside at the Grandfather Mountain RV Campground for the weekend campout.

Every year, during the last weekend of July, I know what I am doing. I don't have to worry about plans for that weekend. It's just a given. I don't think I have missed this campout in over 5 years. And in that time, there have been numerous changes. Let's see...the first year, 1998, I think, it was just Linda and I. We knew that everyone generally gets a site in the field with all the other buses. But we wanted to be different and got a pull-in site in the midst of several RVs. Electric and water hookups and close access to the bathrooms were a draw to our decision of where to camp. It was great having electricity, but being surrounded by non-VW RVs was not so great. Plus, there was no shade.

The next year, in 1999, we ended up going to a Phish concert in Atlanta instead of High Country (priorities, priorities!), and Linda was seven months pregnant (I know, go to a concert but not a campout, go figure!) so let's skip to the following year, 2000. Our daughter, Talia, was born in August of 1999, so we were no longer a duo...we were now a trio. We got a pull in site again, but this time it was at the top of the field, in the last pull in site available. We couldn't have gotten closer to the bathrooms and showers than that! But we started thinking that maybe shade would be better than having electricity. I mean, if the air around you is warm, all a fan does is push that warm air around. At least if it was shady, the air would be cooler. We started looking that year for another site in the shade.

Let's move forward to 2001. This time, we got a site at the top of the field, next to a creek that flows down the far side of the field. No electricity, water access was a few more

feet away, and the bathroom required more steps to get there, but there was some shade. We were a little closer to the general crowd, and felt more at home being closer to the buses, and not circled by RVs. We met new people and reunited with friends we had made the times before. You know those kind of friends...you see them only at VW events...but you enjoy seeing them each and every time.

Ok. Skip forward to 2002. We camped in the same general area, only a few sites down from the previous year. Still no electricity, water and bathrooms were even further away, but it was still shady. Talia was older and able to get around without Mommy or Daddy having to carry her around as much. Not only did we make and reunite with friends, Talia started meeting other children and playing with



them as well. So now it added another dimension to the weekend...Talia meeting and making friends that will hopefully last a long time. While we were there, we decided to scout out a great camping spot for the future. While walking around, noticing the ups and downs of some of our preferred sites, we met these people that had several buses on their campsite, not in the field with everybody else, in the shade, near the bathrooms, and best of all, the site had electricity. While making conversation, Linda and I looked at each other and knew that this was the site we wanted for the next year. Perfect!

The next year, in 2003, that is just what we

did. We got the site that we wanted. We soon found out that we could fit more than two buses on that site. We managed to squeeze four buses (all with side tents or awnings!) onto our allotted space. It was perfect. Of course, we did the usual meeting and greeting, how-are-you and how-you-been, just like always. This time, we had our newborn, Trey, along with us. Our trio had become a quartet. People that we had met ever since our first High Country campout referred to our ever changing lives...they commented on how things were different since that first year. They were right. How our lives had changed!

In 2004, we got the same campsite again. Only this time, there were only three buses on our site, so there was more room for spreading out. Talia, who was four years old at the time, had moved from hiding behind our legs while meeting people to leading the conversation after "Hello". She also wanted to go play with kids at their campsites. We have let her do that before, but it's hard to let go of your children that way...how do you what are they doing and most importantly, where they are doing it? It's a big campground and an even bigger world outside of the campground. They had moved up from the baby sling to either a stroller or his own two feet, making the art of "Trey control" that more challenging. Some of our long-distance friends who usually come to the campout were not here this year, but we came with some and met new ones.

Now it's suddenly time to go. The key is in the ignition and the caravan to home is waiting. I just don't want to leave. I'm still bummed about having to leave, bummed about not seeing some of the people we were expecting to see, bummed about having to wait another year to come back. But before I turned the key to start the trip home, I thought of something. I thought of everything I have just told you. Of how things had changed throughout the years, the evolution of our camping scene to what it is now. I also thought of how things might be next year, who we would meet and what we would do. Of course, we got the same campsite reserved, so that will be the same, but what can I expect for next year? Hopefully the same thing that has happened each and every year we have gone...constant change.

*Till later,
GoBusGo!
Travis Barefoot*

Zen & Homer the Superbus...

My Excellent VW Adventure

The day (and night) before the *Birmingham Bug Blast*, my son Will and I spent several hours working on Homer the Super Bus ... tightening up loose bolts, replacing the CV joints and boots on the right axle, changing the oil, adjusting the valves, etc. The CV boots were gone when I bought Homer back in 2001 and I bought new boots the next day ... these are boots we were installing. Needless to say, the CVs were shot.

On the trip to Birmingham this year I didn't have anything fall off (or out) of the Bus. I was amazed at how much smoother and quieter Homer was on the trip too! It even increased my gas mileage! It's amazing what doing a little REQUIRED maintenance will do. Maybe I ought to do it more often. But then, it turned the trip to Birmingham into just that, a trip. Not one of my normal adventures. It was nice for a change of pace though. Especially considering we were up until 4:30 Sunday morning ... we only got about an hour and half of sleep before heading out to the show. I really wasn't up for an adventure anyway. Well maybe it was an adventure after all. A lack of sleep ... a key ... too much fun and sun and heat ... a last minute change of plans in the route home ... an unplanned stop ... a spoon ... and the worst service I've ever gotten at a Cracker Barrel ... all resulting in a question. It was an adventure, but on a much higher level. Let me explain.

First, I'll ask you the question. Why? Why what you ask? ... Well, ... Why anything? Little things happen all the time and for a brief moment we may ask ourselves, "Why?" but life goes on and most of the time we don't really care to take the time to figure it out. Most of the time we ignore the question. That's probably best anyway, because I've seen occasions where someone will take the time to try to figure it out. They become obsessed with "Why?" and the question consumes and destroys them. But whether or not you try to figure it out, let me assure you that things happen for a reason. Every thing has a reason. There IS an answer to the age-old question, "Why?"

First a few "Whys" ... Why did David Johnston decide to get back into VWs? Why did he decide to join the Volks Folks? Why did he go back and read a post I put on the forums 6 months before he joined? ... without those events, I wouldn't have ended up with a key machine to cut barrel keys. But, thanks to David I have the

machine. Why did Foley-Belsaw decide to put the barrel key blanks on sale last month? Why didn't they carry the Ilco NE10 blanks I wanted the last time I placed an order? Well, because they didn't have those blanks, my order was under the \$25 minimum ... so I figured, I got the machine and the barrel key blanks are on sale ... bought 4 packs to bring the total above \$25.

Why in the world would I have picked up some of those blanks and hung them on my key board to take to a VW show? I



asked myself the same thing early Sunday morning when I was packing for Birmingham. I put them back ... then I thought, no ... you had them on the board ... put them back and someone will want one and you'll kick yourself. So, I put them back on the board with my VW keys and grabbed my tubular key machine. SURE ENOUGH! Anthony had been trying to find someone that could make him a copy of his alarm key. I KNEW there was a reason.

On the trip home, someone looked at the map and figured out a shorter way to get back to I-59. Why didn't we just stick to the way we came?

Just after we made the first turn, Anthony got on the radio and said he smelled gas. As soon as we could we pulled off on the side of the road and check out everyone's VWs ... but after several minutes of close inspection, we couldn't find any signs of any type of gas leak on any of our cars. Why did we stop there? I don't know, but we did. There was a reason. Was it so one of us would pick up the spoon that was there on the ground? Well, I picked it up ... it wasn't silver ... it was stainless. Fancy design stamped in it, but

other than that it was just another spoon. I dropped it back on the ground. Why didn't I keep it?

If I had kept it, I'd be asking myself the same question. Why? It all comes back to "Why?"

We stopped at a Cracker Barrel on the way home. Big group. Got seated at two different tables. Had two different servers. The waiter at the other table seemed to do a good job. We had one of those waitresses that shows up once and takes your order and you don't see again until she brings the food and then you don't see again until ... well, I don't think we did see her again. And it took forever for our food to come.

The other Volks Folks table had finished eating and we were still waiting on food. And drink refills. And bread. An explanation of why it was taking so long would have been nice. But we got nothing. Boredom set in. We start inventing ways to pass the time. After a round or two of tabletop football with a jelly pack. We invent tabletop golf. Did you know if you move those lamps sitting on the tables at Cracker Barrel there is a hole in the table for a peg ... supposed to keep the lamp from sliding around. Makes a good hole for tabletop golf. A wadded up straw wrapper makes a good ball. After knocking the "ball" around a few minutes with a knife, I tried my fork. Didn't quite cut it ... let me try my spoon ... WHY do they not give you spoons at this Cracker Barrel? Each place setting had a knife and fork wrapped in a napkin.

No spoons. Couldn't ask the waitress for one. Hadn't seen her in 20 minutes. And less than 30 minutes back down the road I had picked up a spoon and then dropped it back on the ground.

Is that the answer to "Why did we turn down this road? Why did we stop here? And, Why is this spoon laying here?" If I had kept the spoon, would I have made a hole in one? Would it have changed the course of history? I don't know, but there was a reason. If nothing more than to prove once again that things happen for a reason. Why? What's the reason? What's the real reason? I'll tell you in a minute. But first let me tell you another story.

A close friend of mine, who passed away in his early 30s (cancer), decided one day back in January, 1998 to sit down in front of the TV and turn it on. He decided to

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Technically Speaking... Frick & Frack

by David Johnston

OK, I have been coerced, threatened, and politely asked to put together a Tech Column for the VolksFolks newsletter. Being mentally and technically challenged on occasions, what I would love to have is input from the VolksFolks Club members on what they would like to see in this column, whether it be technical, "How-to" tips, or VW trivia. After all, this is our newsletter and everyone should have a voice in what the content should be. I am more than happy to share any technical knowledge and tips I have amassed over the last 40 years, and as I have said on the VolksFolks Forum, I don't have all the answers, but I do have a pretty good idea where to look for them.

No topic would be too small to discuss and correct, if need be, and there is no such thing as a stupid question. Most everyone in the Scenic City VolksFolks Club knows how things work, but then, maybe not. This is where this column might

help.

I would welcome any tech tip that others have come up with, and would be glad to include them in this column if I judge them



not to be too dangerous to you or others. Believe me, I have seen it happen. Frick might be able to replace a fan while the

engine is running, then Frack comes along and says he can do the same thing, only ending up with every appendage of his body wrapped around the pulleys. Not a pretty sight!

I could have started in this month's newsletter with something technical, but I wanted to "feel out" what you folks wanted in this column. You can call me at 423-894-3374 or email me at jdcjjdcj@hotmail.com with a subject to discuss. Then we wouldn't be plugging up the Forum with something that would take some time to answer.

The games will begin with the next issue.

*TIP OF THE MONTH: It's "going to show time"
- Do you know where your dip stick is?*

-D.J.

Picture That... Volkswagens in film

It's a game! Okay, so there's no prizes awarded but it'll be fun to play anyway! Pictured below are still shots from movies, videos, and television shows that have a Volkswagen in it. Guess the title of the film or show the Volkswagen was in. Answers are on page 11



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1 - Hint: The cars weren't the only Ford's in this movie.

2 - Hint: He's on a mission - and not alone! Can you count the toothpicks?

3 - Hint: He's not looking for Candy... or is he?.

4 - Hint: Have you ever seen a Honeymooner chase a flying nun?



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Bonus: Where did the number "53" on Herbie come from?

Bonus #2: Without looking - where is the wolf standing in the Wolfsburg logo?



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Event Report

Birmingham Bug Blast - August 29, 04

Hosted by the Central Alabama club, the 4th Annual Birmingham Bug Blast was, as the name says, a Blast! The show was once again held at Moody City Park in Moody, Alabama, but this year's event was moved from it's former late September date up to August 29th. The move paid off . . . unlike the last two years, this show was not rain soaked.

Members of the **Scenic City Volks Folks** met at the Amoco Station at the Wildwood exit off I-24 at approximately 7:30am. The Lewis', Keedy's, & Damron's arrived and we started looking for Zen. (This is a club trip, remember)

Zen and Will were finally located after coming out of a dead zone atop Lookout Mountain coming across to meet us at Trenton. We also found Alan Humphrey and he caught up with us going down the freeway. All of us were together shortly after going by Rising Fawn and we were on

our way. The skies were a little gloomy but the weather man told us there was only a 20% chance of rain. Yeah, right, this is the Birmingham trip, remember? We continued on south on I-59 but we got off the free-

up as vendors selling keys. ALL OF THE VOLKS FOLKS BROUGHT HOME A TROPHY!! While at Birmingham, we found a member who had joined at Bug-A-Paluzza, Brian Dempsey. We all got to know Brian and his fiancé, Amanda. We expect to see a lot more of them in the future. The show appeared to be a big success for the folks in Birmingham. It turned out to be a DRY show except for a little shower that lasted about 5 minutes. Previous years shows have seen almost flooding conditions but 2004 saw great weather.

The trip home was complete with a visit to a Cracker Barrel for supper, and there were NO break downs. Zen had a small scare around Scottsboro but made the trip fine.

Another great trip for the Scenic City Volks Folks!! Check the website photo gallery (www.volksfolks.org) for pictures Zen put up.



way a good ways northeast of Birmingham at Exit 166 onto Hwy 231. We followed 231 just a short distance and turned south onto Hwy 411. We followed Hwy 411 straight into Moody and to the show grounds. Everyone entered their Volkswagens except Zen and Will who set

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The Orange One, Jiminy & Tweety... ...The Lewis' VW Family

For Scenic City Volks Folks Club members Lamar and Cindy Lewis, the Volkswagen is the preferred method of transportation. What started out with one '72 Super Beetle affectionately called "The Orange One" soon grew to include a '77 Westfalia Camper a water cooled '02 New Beetle and Lamar's spare time project - a '59 ragtop Beetle.

Lamar, who was raised on Beetles, purchased the '72 Super six years ago. It's previous owner had used the vehicle to deliver papers. When Lamar brought it home it had several different paint schemes decorating the dents, dings and rust. After a complete restoration that included new interior, headliner, fenders, wheels and a rebuilt 1600 dual port engine the car was



dressed up nicely with a bright orange paint job, fitting in nicely in "Big Orange Country" and being given a new moniker - "The Orange One."

The couple's '77 Westfalia Camper was the next VW to join the family when it was purchased five years ago. The vehicle was actually purchased at the Tacoma show and Lamar then went to Valdosta to pick it up. Though the Lewis' have yet to attempt an extended cross country trip in the vehicle they affectionately named "Jiminy," they have taken it to numerous Volkswagen shows and club events over the years.

The third member of the Lewis' Volkswagen family is "Tweety," a 2002 Volkswagen Beetle. Cindy proudly proclaims that the switch to the new water-

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cooled Beetle was because “it’s an automatic!” Lamar and Cindy are the original owners of Tweety, who has racked up 48,000 miles on the road.

In addition to the three Volkswagens the Lewis’ have on the road now, Lamar is also hard at work (as time permits) on the fourth VW the couple own - a 1959 ragtop VW Beetle. This vehicle is currently a work in progress and resides inside the Lamar’s cavernous basement workshop. When the work on it is completed you can be sure you’ll see it featured in an issue of **VolksFolks News!**



Event Report

Southeastern Bug Fair - September 11, 04

The Strouts and the Keedys began the weekend of the Southeastern Bug Fair on Friday around noon. We took the scenic route over to Tallulah Gorge State Park just north of Toccoa. Dee and I pulled “Herbie” over for Fielding Clark since he didn’t think “Fireball” the 71 Deluxe bus would pull him through the mountains. The drive over was beautiful. We sat up camp and spent a very relaxing evening. Saturday saw Fielding and his family arriving that afternoon and Zen finally made it in around 9pm Saturday night. We could not have asked for better weather than what was dished out to us. Not too hot and not too cold.....just right! Travis Barefoot and Kevin Wilson made the journey Saturday but chose to camp at the show grounds instead of the state park.

If you’ve never been to the Tallulah Gorge State Park, it is probably the nicest camp ground I’ve ever stayed in. The facilities are second to none and the personnel there are the greatest.

Sunday morning saw our group breaking camp and preparing to head to the Bug show. Once there, we found Travis and Kevin, then Anthony and Misty and Lamar and Cindy. The big surprise came when

Vanagonagon is NOT a misspelling) Lamar and Cindy were the only ones to enter this show and low and behold, they brought home a trophy! Congratulations!!

The show was, as always, a good show with it’s usual good swap meet. I noticed 3 cars entered into the show I have not previously had the pleasure of viewing first hand. The “Rat Rods” have surfaced in the Southeast. Bug-A-Paluzza 7 may just have to have another class added to the list.

The trip back home Sunday afternoon was pretty much uneventful. We managed to get back home before dark, (I was still pulling “Herbie”) and began the task of unloading. Once again, the Volks Folks made another great trip with no breakdowns and no problems. Just a fantastic weekend.



Kyle, Betty and family came pulling in, in the Vanagonagon with a new diesel engine installed that came out of a '91 Jetta. (for those of you not familiar with Kyle, the

Picture That... Answers

1 - Hint: The cars weren't the only Ford's in this movie.

Answer: This early George Lucas movie (1973) starred a grown up Ron Howard and was riddled with future stars like Richard Dreyfuss, Cindy Williams, Mackenzie Phillips, and a very young Harrison Ford. It also featured a cameo by Suzanne Somers. The film - **American Graffiti**

2 - Hint: He's on a mission - and not alone! Can you count the toothpicks?

Answer: No it's not *Mission Impossible*. In 1988 Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman traveled across the country in **Rainman**

3 - Hint: He's not looking for Candy... or is he?

Answer: What a mixed up whacky world it is for Mel Brooks. The Spoofermeister is at it again in this 1987 comedy that also starred Rick Moranis, John Candy, Bill Pullman, Joan Rivers and Dick Van Patten. The film - **Spaceballs**

4 - Hint: Have you ever seen a Honeymooner chase a flying nun?

Answer: Well if you did you may have seen it twice, but the first time was in this 1977 blockbuster starring Jackie Gleason, Burt Reynolds, Sally Field and Jerry Reed. The film - **Smokey and the Bandit**

Bonus: Where did the number “53” on Herbie come from?

According to one internet source “53” was the uniform number for Los Angeles Hall of Fame Dodger Don Drysdale.

Bonus #2: Without looking - where is the wolf standing in the Wolfsburg logo?

Okay, you can look now! It's standing on the castle.

Remember...

If you participate in a show or if you just attend a show, be sure to take a camera and take pictures and send them to me. If you have time please write up a synopsis of the show from your point of view.

Submit your digital photographs and writeups to:

bugz@volksfolks.org

Also, we welcome all articles and stories to be published in the newsletter.

Send your written piece to the same address above

Bug Bites

Bug Collecting



One of my many faults (so I've been told) is that I collect too many things. I collect Coca-Cola items, UT Vols items, movies, music albums (both vinyl and CD), Jack Daniels items, I even collect film boxes from work because they are a good size to store things in - like my CD's that I don't play very often. I have to some small degree collected things that are Volkswagen over the years. I have a belt buckle (that I wore out), a metal print of a vintage VW convertible, and what may be my most unusual VW paraphernalia is a small framed Volkswagen that is made entirely out of brass nuts, bolts, springs, gears and what-not.

Now though I have discovered that I have been bitten by the collecting bug once more! Since becoming a member of the Scenic City Volks Folks I have engaged in the systematic search and recovery at WalMart and a myriad other stores, for Volkswagen toys. Oh, I'm definitely not an expert at it. Used to be I'd go to WalMart and spend hours combing through the discount movie bin. I still do that but now I also spend hours combing through the toy aisles and racks looking for VW toys. I have no idea as to the value of

any of the VW toys I purchase other than their

sticker price. I've got Johnny Lightning VW's, Hot Wheels VW's, Matchbox VW's. I've got metal model VW Samba's, new beetles, old beetles, collector VW's - I got lucky and satisfied both my Coca-Cola

collecting and VW toy collecting when I bought a Matchbox Collector Series Volkswagen Van.

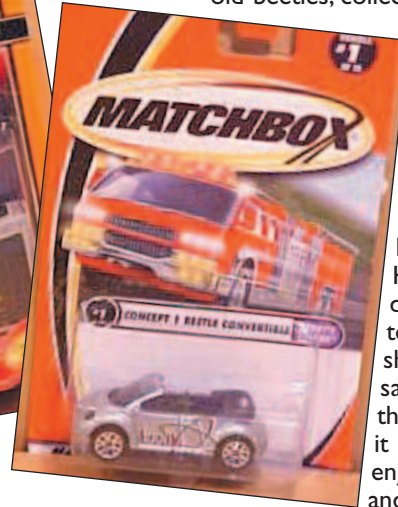
I realized that I truly was smitten with the collecting bug when after the August Volks Folks meeting I saw a model Herbie in the box sitting on the dash of Herb's Eurovan. I began to salivate. I immediately started shopping even harder for that same model. Actually two of them because I would have to put it together once I got it to truly enjoy it. Well, I'm still shopping and looking.

Judging from some of the posts I've read on the club's on-line forum, my collecting bug is minor-league compared to others like Herb and Zen. They must have separate houses to store all of thiers!

The hard part about collecting these toys however is that I can't take them out and play with them. The little boy in me is craving to do so but the adult in me realizes that they have value beyond thier sticker price if they are left unopened. Well at least I hope they will eventually have value beyond the sticker price.

But then I realized that the real collectors are the ones who own and drive the actual thing. One day I hope to be a true collector on par with Zen, Herb, Anthony & Misty, Lamar & Cindy and everyone else in the club who has a stable of Volkswagens. One for every day of the month is my goal! Okay, I'll settle for one for every day of the week!

- Charlton
a.k.a. "bugz"





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Off The Board...

Notes, news and points of interest from the club internet forum



Zen

Posted: Sep. 3 2004, 8:17am

Most of you know by now that I sometimes might have a very, very slight tendency to come up with "creative" ways to get a vehicle back on the road.

Sometimes my work amazes myself. Like the time I repaired the rear universal joint on my Chevy truck drive shaft with the piston from a bus wheel cylinder . . . say what you want about that one, but it got me from 40 miles south of the Georgia/Florida state line to just north of Macon. It also got me from the middle of nowhere with no cell phone service to civilization and cell phone service. Since Joy had to make two round trips in one day to rescue me (one to come get me and the drive shaft so I could repair it CORRECTLY and another to take me back to install it), it was pretty significant that I got about two and half hours closer to home.

With Kyle's help, on the way to Birmingham last year we figured out that a lug bolt will suffice for an oil drain plug if you use the proper seals with it . . . the proper seals are usually used to seal the

air connections between a tractor and trailer . . . two of them and lug bolt and 3 quarts of oil later and your back on the interstate . . . hopefully before the EPA shows up and makes you clean up the oil slick you created when you drain plug fell out. But that's not what I want to talk to you about.

There is a problem with patching stuff and rigging stuff so it will work. Sometimes it works TOO well. Several months ago I was on my way home from Mainly Foreign. I took the back roads for a change of scenery. In "downtown" Chickamauga THE light (there's only one light in "downtown" Chickamauga) turned red. Stepped on the clutch pedal . . . something snapped . . . Homer kept right on going . . .

Luckily, my dad had made me learn to drive without a clutch (in the same truck that I did my drive shaft repair on 30 something years later). I drove over to Kyle's. I knew between the two of us and my parts bus that's at his place we could get Homer back on the road. It wasn't the clutch cable that broke like I had suspected. It was the pin that holds it to the pedal lever. I ended up cutting a short piece out of a toggle bolt and putting a self-locking nut on both

ends. I had to take the clutch cable loose on the clutch end, pull it through the front, hook it to the pedals and then put it all together. It worked fine, BUT it should have been a temporary fix until I could get a new cable and pin. The pin had worn down thin and snapped, and the hole it went through in the pedal was about to break through too. The cable also hung up in the bowden tube like it was frayed . . . but I kept working with it and finally got it to work. At this point I have no doubt that it will work for a day or two until I can get a new cable and pin. That was at least 6 months ago.

I ordered a cable and pin last night. It broke in the parking lot at work yesterday evening. The parts set me back less than \$10. I'll probably end up paying twice that for the "expedited, next day" shipping. Until it gets here, Homer is sitting.

There is nothing wrong with using your ingenuity and whatever is available to patch or rig something when you're in a bind . . . just take the time to FIX IT as soon as possible.

Editors Note: Zen's post was so good I just had to put the whole thing in this month.

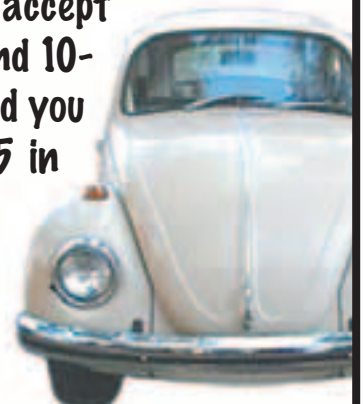
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Zen & Homer The Superbus

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watch CNN for a few minutes. He was a very active person and watched very little TV. Why did he decide to sit down on that particular day at that particular time and watch CNN? Regardless of why, he did. While he was watching, he saw a report on the upcoming release of the New Beetle. A red one caught his eye.

A few days later we went to the *World of Wheels* show in Chattanooga. There was one really nice old Beetle in the show. Why was this VW Bug sitting in the middle of all of those hot rods, street rods and muscle cars? It didn't really seem to fit in. Regardless of why, it prompted Ricky to start talking about the red New Beetle he had seen on CNN. After leaving the show we decided to cruise over to Brainerd Road to the VW dealership and see if they had any brochures and find out what kind of price they were going to be asking for them.

Turns out the VW dealership had moved. There was still a sign there, but no VWs. VW/Kia of Chattanooga was up on International Drive just off I53 and Shallowford Road they informed us. We went there. That evening we met a somewhat short, somewhat chubby, but very charismatic gentleman named George. He was the general manager. As Ricky and I were talking to George about the New Beetle, my son Justin found a salesman who wasn't with a customer and started telling him all about the 74 Super Beetle that he and I had taken from a \$250 junker to a pretty nice first car for him. Well, George overheard part of that conversation and with a big smile he said "So you've got some OLD VWs? I want to sponsor a Volkswagen Club. Would you be interested in helping me organize one?" Well, for over a year, I had been asking around trying to find out where and when the local VW crowd gathered . . . there had, at one time, been a couple of different VW clubs in the area, but at the time there wasn't any active VW organization. Of course I was interested. So, a few posts on some internet forums and a month later about a dozen people gathered at Volkswagen of Chattanooga and the **Scenic City Volks Folks** club was off and running.

Now let me ask you . . . Why did Ricky Durham decide to stop on that particular day at that particular time back in January of '98 and why did he watch CNN? Would the world be drastically different if he had watched *Wheel of Fortune* instead? I really don't think so. The **Scenic City**

Volks Folks would have found a way to get started. It was meant to be. The force at work here would have found another way to make it happen. I'm sure of that. But, it sure makes me feel good to know that one brief moment in Ricky's all too brief life continues to have so many positive effects on so many lives. I only wish he were still around to see it. On a different level, I believe he is.

So, what's the answer to "Why?" Why do all these little things happen that influence the big things that influence the really big things that influence the things that set the course of history?

Because. In a nutshell, that's the answer. Things happen because they happen. It's meant to be. There is a higher force at work here than we will ever be able to totally comprehend in this life. Don't fight it. Don't worry over it. Don't let the "Whys?" drag you down. You've got to listen to the "voices in your head" and the "gut feelings" that tell you to do illogical things sometimes. Have faith. Just because you don't know "Why?" doesn't mean there isn't a reason. Do your part.

You really complicate things when you don't do your part just because you don't understand why. My parents tried to tell me that from the time I was old enough to comprehend. I couldn't start to count the times my "Whys?" were answered with "Because." I'm slow. It took me over 40 years, but now I think I understand.

You need to watch the movie *Field of Dreams* sometime. Then ask yourself "Why did Kevin Costner drive a VW bus in that movie?" Think about it. Until you figure it all out, may all of your VW Adventures be Excellent!

Say It In...

English **Beetle**
German **Käfer**
Spanish **Escarabajo**
Italian **Scarabeo**
Portuguese **Besouro**
French **Coléoptère**
Dutch **Kever**

English..... **Transporter**
German .. **Transportvorrichtung**
Spanish **Transportador**
Italian **Trasportatore**
Portuguese **Transporter**
French **Transporteur**
Dutch **Vervoerder**

English **Convertible**
German **Umwandelbar**
Spanish **Convertible**
Italian **Convertibile**
Portuguese **Convertible**
French **Convertible**
Dutch **Convertibel**

English **Thing**
German **Sache**
Spanish..... **Cosa**
Italian **Cosa**
Portuguese **Coisa**
French..... **Chose**
Dutch **Ding**

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The Scenic City Volks Folks meets on the Friday night preceding the third Monday each month at the Sonic Drive-In on East Brainerd Road. For more information on upcoming Volks Folks events, visit our online Events Calendar at www.volksfolks.org.

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- BIRMINGHAM BUG BLAST
- BOSCH
- BUGAPALUZA
- BUSES ON THE RIVER
- COACH BUILDER
- CONDENSER
- CORRADO
- DER KAFER FAHRER
- FOUR CYLINDER
- GAP
- GURU
- HEBMUELLER
- HELMUT KRONE
- HOT VW'S MAGAZINE
- KUBELWAGEN
- MAJOR IVAN HIRST
- PAINT A BUG
- PASCO BUG JAM
- POINTS
- RADCLYFFE ROADSTER
- RAGTOP
- REUTTER
- SCIROCCO
- SEMAPHORE
- SCHWIMMWAGEN
- SHONEYS
- SHOWER BUS
- SONIC
- TROPHIES
- TWEETY
- TWO SEATER
- VOLKSWAGEN
- WEST COAST METRIC
- WHERE AIR MEETS WATER

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OCTOBER

- 2-3: Circle Yer Wagens Twenty
Sevierville, TN
- 1-3: 1st Annual Outer Banks Volkswagen
Camping Expedition
Frisco, NC
- 2: 8th Annual Rare Air Emerald Coast
VW Club of Sp...
Pensacola, FL
- 9: Octenfest
Louisville, KY
- 9-10: Supercruise x 3
Sponsored By Central Alabama Aircooled
Driving Society (CAADS)
- 10: Volkstoberfest VI
Melbourne, FL
VW car show & swap meet.
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- 16: Middle GA VDubbers Show-n-Shine:
Warner Robins, GA
- 17: Chattanooga Octoberfest
Chattanooga Market
(formerly Cricket Pavillion)
- 18: Scenic City Volks Folks Monthly Meeting
Shoney's Restaurant Hamilton Place

- 24: Fast Times at Farmington #2
Winston Salem, NC
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NOVEMBER

- 13: Bulli Brigade II
Tampa, FL
VW pre-67 Transporter show and swap
- 14: Pasco Bug Jam
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Dade City, FL

- 15: Scenic City Volks Folks Monthly Meeting
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DECEMBER

- 20: Scenic City Volks Folks Monthly Meeting
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