



As you know, I was recently entrusted with the job of heading up our organization for the next year. Although I've held the office of president before, I've got to admit I'm nervous about the responsibility. The last time I was in this position, we were a much smaller

club. During my last term I oversaw Bug-A-Paluza 2 and 3. For those of you that weren't around back then, Bug-A-Paluza 2 was a one day show on the parking lot of what was then VW/Kia of Chattanooga. If my memory serves me correctly, we had about 70 VWs show up. At the end of my first term, we moved Bug-A-Paluza to Camp Jordan and went to a two day show. I'll never forget looking across the field at BP-3 and thinking about how much room we had to grow. Now, it's months away, and I'm already worried about how we can fit all the show cars, campers, and vendors into that tiny field.

The way our show has grown and matured since I left this office is a reflection on both the members of the club and our leadership. I want to start my term by offering my sincere thanks to all of the folks who have kept this club together and growing the past few years. Herb, Kyle, and Misty . . . from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU! Thanks for your hard work and dedication. Without the job that each of you have done, we wouldn't be where we are today. Lamar and Cindy, thank you for keeping us financially sound, and thanks for letting us talk you into staying on for another term.

I also want to thank each member of the club for everything you have done to help out. I know I could go down our membership roster and think of at least one thing that each of you have done that deserves a special thank you, but I can't do that here.

In closing, I would just like to say that I am honored that the club has entrusted me with this job. I've got some mighty big shoes to fill, so I'm going to need a lot of help. Susan and Amanda, wear your crowns with pride and bling your scepters with a smile . . . we've got a lot of work ahead, but I hope we can have fun doing it!

Till next time, Zen Hendrícks

### Ragtop Bug MS Charity

This is for raffle tickets only. This is a limited raffle with only 1,500 tickets being sold and 100% of the proceeds going to benefit the MS Foundation, so even if you don't win the Bug you will feel great having given to a great cause! This car is being restored actual pictures of the bug are not yet available, however pictures of cars that the shop who is doing the work are depict-



ed, to show quality not exact. You can purchase on our website http://www.cscdra.com/pages/charitybug.html direct link or www.cscdra.com or feel free to contact me for further info also check out the website of the shop who is doing the work! www.kustomcoachwerks.com THIS IS FOR CHARITY, also if you need info regarding the MS Foundation I can provide contact info for you. The car will be given away at the Indianapolis, Indiana Show on the 24th of September 2005 winner does not need to be present to win! Also winner is responsible for pick up or shipping, we will help as much as we can! 1,190 tickets are left! Pictures of the actual bug should be posted shortly, so for all those who are waiting its coming soon!! The guys at KCW just saw the new Herbie Movie and are pumped about this project...so they have gone with doing a pre 67 beetle ragtop just like Herbie...with a twist this will be a custom Herbie so basically this will be Herbie Fully loaded overtime!! Just watch the progress on www.kustomcoachwerks.com and www.cscdra.com. Randars are going to be the wheels...some things will be a suprise at the end. Car should be complete before our August 21st event in Michigan at US 131 and will be given away at the IRP event on September 24th in Indianapolis, IN! Get your tickets now as they are going fast, will have some more pictures available at our events!

#### On The Cover

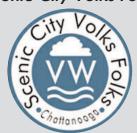
Our March 05 issue featured artwork from the cover of a Volkswagen dealer brochure provided by our own club VW guru David Johnston. This month's artwork is a cut-away air-cooled VW engine on the back of that same vintage brochure. The actual brochure has been scanned and is being retouched and full-sized images of each page (including the fold-out pages) are being loaded to the newletter web space for you to see. To access the pages go to http://vfn.volksfolks.org/Booklet.html The background is a wiring schematic for a 1966 VW Bus.

#### Update On VolksFolksNews

The computer issue has finally been resolved and regular monthly issues will begin with this issue.



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## Found on the web... Camping Out In The Future: Verdier's Westfalia Concept

A Volkswagen Westfalia design concept, created by Montreal-based design firm Verdier et Collaborateurs, offers a vision of how the goals of both simplicity and flexibility can be met in an vehicle for active lifestyles. Aside from being a redesigned and updated VW microbus, the concept also provides an IKEAlike take on van camping, with a space-saving, Swissarmy knife sensibility. Either that, or it's the perfect first home for ex-Phishheads.

The concept was part of the 2005 Michelin Design Challenge, the theme of which is to create vehicles that can successfully answer the accelerating demands for the emerging Chinese automotive market, building on Germaninfluenced design concepts. For more illustrations check out Verdier's website at www.verdier.ca, but be forewarned - if you have a dial-up connection

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you might want to type in the

address then go make some coffee and a three course dinner. It should be finished loading by the time you finish dessert!



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# Shoot the Breeze A Junkie's Tale - Part 2

Ok, so I have slipped again. Just when I thought that I had my addiction under control, just when the effects of the last lapse had worn off, just when I thought it was safe to go outside again, I go and do it again. I really didn't mean to do it. Where were all of my crutches of support when I needed them most? How was I to know that all sense of sanity would leave me and somehow force me deeper into the throes of my VW addiction? Let me tell you how it happened.

My daughter attends a magnet school here in Chattanooga. It is a wonderful school, one with different methteaching Paideia ods of (the method.look it up sometime) where parents are obligated to volunteer at least 18 hours of service during the school year. They also rely on the parents for donations to support the PTA, the parent/teacher coordinator position, and various other needs that may arise. I have fulfilled my obligations by helping the teacher out during school by doing whatever she needed to be done, by being a chaperone on field trips, and by doing minor maintenance jobs at the school. Just a few weeks ago, they

asked me to install some 12foot long shelves at the end of the Kindergarten hallway. No problem, consider it done.

They also hold an auction every year to help raise money for the PTA and for various departments school. throughout the Anything from donated items to dinner with the principal were up for auction. Imagine my surprise (and anticipation of what was to come) when McCloud, Sue the parent/teacher coordinator, emailed me to let me know that there was going to be a 1972 Super Beetle up for auction. Now, just about every teacher and office worker knows me as the VW Dude. I think that taking Talia to

school in either my '94 Golf or in Oscar has tipped them off that maybe I have a slight affection for Volkswagens. Little do they know the depth of that affection. Anyway, in the weeks and days leading up to the auction, people would see me

and ask if I knew there was going to be this Super Beetle in the auction. I almost got tired of answering their auestions every day, but the subject matter was interesting, so I didn't mind that much. Sue even asked me to help her set a starting bid. What could I say? Of course I would help her do that.especially if it would help feed my little habit.

A few days before the auction, I was able to look the Super over, from under the floor pan and in the interior, to the engine compartment and trunk. Now, Beetles are these cute little insect-like creatures that are loved the world over. My sister had one and I liked it fair enough.



But I never really thought that I would like to own one. I like to have some room in my car. Beetles just don't give me enough elbow room, especially on my left side. It feels like there needs to be a hole for my arm to hang out in order to be comfortable. But, with the keys in my hand, I felt like this Beetle should be mine. With a turn of the key, it roared to life. Well, maybe not roared, but it twittered to life. The sound of the engine running brought up the itch for a new fix. After taking it around the school parking lot, I parked it and left for home, wondering what would happen the day of the auction.

Well, the night of the auction came. There were so many things up for auction.things donated by companies and by individuals. I placed a few bids on some silent auction items, things that I thought Talia would enjoy. With the silent auction, there is a card on each item with the starting bid listed. You put your bid on the card, but you have to keep up with your bid because others are walking behind you, ready to put their bid on the card. Needless to say, it was difficult to keep up with all my bids, and I didn't win any of those items. Now at the live auction. I sat at the back of the room. I had an idea of what my limit was on the Beetle. I did have one of my VWLA (Volkswagen Lover's Anonymous) buddies with me to act as an interventionist in case I started "jonesing" too bad. As it turned out, I should have had more support with me. When the auctioneer asked for a starting bid on the Beetle, I held my tongue. I felt a sense of victory when I put on my poker face. No

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# The Green Volkswagen **VoltsRabbit!**

As prices at the fuel pump sky rocket ever upward consumers are left feeling the pinch on their wallet. What's a working person to do when bus lines no longer run a route for them and the cost of fuel eats up their lunch money?

The answers are as diverse as the people who seek them but one intriguing solution is provided by a Felton, CA company called "Electro Automotive." EA sells electric automotive conversion kits that enable purchasers to convert certain vehicles into fully operational electric vehicles. One such kit is designed specifically for the Volkswagen Rabbit.

Once the Rabbit is con-

verted it can run approximately 40-60 miles (depending on speed and terrain) on a single charge. Additionally a solar trickle charger can be hooked up during the workday and add 5-10 miles to the charge. For the average



Chattanooga area worker this is a viable alternative to driving your gas fueled vehicles on a daily basis.

The Volts Rabbit kit from EA runs approximately \$8300 and would generally pay for itself in saved fuel costs over 3-4 years of use.

EA also makes and sells electric vehicle conversion kits for other makes and models of vehicles including Porsche 914, Geo Metro, Chevy S-10 and Chevy Sprint. You can find EA on line at www.electroauto.com and a google search of Volts Rabbit will produce other sites as well.





The new Passat has arrived.

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## **Bug Bites** Respect Your Local Volkswagen Enthusiasts

I have proudly spread the 'bug'! As I always do I try to preach the virtues and beauty of air-cooled Volkswagens to those I know and come into contact with. Now my grandson is infected. Early on he was all about Hummers. Luckily I discovered that malevolent affliction and I was able to intervene. Covertly I prescribed a good dose of Volkswagen movies. Everytime KC (that's his name) was over at the house I'd find an opportune momemt and pop in "The Love

Bug," or "Herbie Rides Again," or "Herbie Goes Banana's" (which I think is his favorite), or "Herbie Goes To Monte Carlo."

At Christmas I gave him a Herbie model that we have since put together. At Bug-A-Palüza 7 he came out and spent the night with me. I bought him a VW baseball cap and he got to see all the Volkswagens. That must have been the magic pill that addicted him because ever since Bug-A-Palüza 7

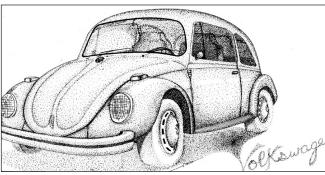
he has been an ardent "Punch Bug" game player. Nowadays if I'm not on my toes when we ride around town he will out 'punch buggy' me. One day when KC came over to the house he was so excited because he



had bought a die cast Volkswagen that he had to show me. And since all good Volkswagen enthusiasts have some sort of collection of Volkswagens (either toy or real) I figure I've got him hooked for life!

The icing on the cake though was his birthday when he got several Volkswagen toys including a radio controlled VW bus! Oh how envious I was!

> - Charlton a.k.a. "bugz"



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1986 Vanagon in better than average condition. Body has dent on drivers side by headlight, motor needs a striker. Anybody interested for \$1000.00. Located in Demopolis AL. Needs a good home. Call Joe Davis at 334 341 0943.

1971 Squareback - No title. Parts car or restoration project. Quite rusty, but has the engine and other "wanted" Type 3 parts on it. \$200. Email: gobusgo@thinkaccess.net

1977 Standard Beetle - Project car. Not a lot of rust, but areas behind both rear passenger windows need some work. Also, surface rust on floorpans and small hole in battery tray. I bought this as a project car, with the engine. Email: gobusgo@thinkaccess.net

72 Super Beetle -2nd owner of the car says it is in good condition with new paint, new tires, battery. No rust, needs new door rubber. Garage kept. \$3,000. Can be seen at Brewers Wrecker Service on Benton Pike or contact Ira Cox. Pager - 550-2258



Need to sell my 72 Ford Shortbed with a 72 Chevy engine in it. Would like to sell or trade for VW van, bus or camper. Solid body except that the hood hinges need to be welded back in. I've had \$400 worth of brake work done but it still needs some more - fluid reservoir keeps going dry. Carburetor needs adjusting or replacement. I don't know much at all about watercooled vehicles but I'm sure someone with the knowledge and skill to fix these minor things could have themselves a great truck at low cost. I'm asking \$1200. Check out the forums for more pictures. Call me at 423-645-2690 (cell) or at 423-886-1579.

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### Shoot The Breeze

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one started the bid, so the auctioneer kept lowering the starting bid. Down and down he went, getting closer to the point where I would jump in head first into my addiction. When he reached that point, I felt like I was about to bust.but I held firm. Down a little bit more and I couldn't take it anymore. I raised my bidder's paddle and that's when the battle started. Someone across the room must have had the same desire and intent that I had. Back and forth we went until I was the victor. It was a bittersweet victory, though. I had a new VW Super Beetle.but I also had to pay for it. That's where the addiction hits you hardest. Your wallet feels the brunt of it.

So here I am now, with another VW in the driveway, with another source of

enjoyment for me and the family (especially the kids), and with another reminder of just how addicted I am. My first intentions were to fix the little things that needed fixing and sell the Beetle for a small profit. But, I'm not so sure what I am going to do now. The kids just love the "Beetle Bug", I am finding more and more room inside for me to fit my wide frame, and the Beetle doesn't want to go anywhere anytime soon. So I guess I am stuck with it for at least a little while...at least until I come to my senses, and seek help, that is.

But on the other hand, who needs help anyway?

Till later,

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Aug. 15 - Monthly club meeting at Country Place Restaurant -7:00 pm
Aug. 28 - Birmingham Bug Blast
Sept. 11 - Southeastern Bug Fair at Toccoa, GA
Sept. 19 - Monthly club meeting at Country Place Restaurant -7:00 pm
Sept. 23-25 - Club Campout at Sloppy Floyd State Park.
Oct. 1-2 - Circle Yer Wagens 22 in

Sevierville, TN **Nov. 13** - Pasco Bug Jam in

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