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NEWS



From the Prez...

It's hard to believe it's September already. It seems like just a few days ago we were cleaning up Camp Jordan after Bug-A-Palüza 7... now Bug-A-Palüza 8 is right around the corner! I encourage all members to join us at our next show planning meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 24th. The meeting will be held somewhere in the camping area at Sloppy Floyd's State Park during what I hope becomes an annual event for us, our fall camp-out. If you can't come out and camp with us, at least come down and hang out with us during the days. Sunday we have a pavillion rented and the club will furnish the food and fixin's for our club picnic. We'll get the picnic underway sometime around 1-1:30 pm. Sloppy Floyd's is easy to find... take US 27 south. Just past Summerville, GA look for the signs on your right. The park is a couple of miles off of 27. This should be a fun filled weekend and I hope that every club member has the opportunity to enjoy it.

For the second year in a row, we successfully pulled off the Stocking Full of Love Car Show on Labor Day. This open show pulls in cars of all years and types, from early stock antiques, to street rods to the modern "tuners." Since the Volks Folks have started running the show, it has gained a new lease on life. For about 10 years it was a huge event. At its peak it drew in over 300 cars. After some problems with the people they had running the show, it fell apart. Three years ago it was down to only a handful of cars. Last year it pulled in around 120 cars. We must have done something right because despite \$3.00 a gallon of gas it pulled in 145 cars this year. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Volks Folks who showed up and helped register, park and judge cars. This is the big fund-raiser for the Stocking Full of Love in Walker County. Our efforts will be rewarded by hundreds of smiles Christmas morning when kids find presents under the tree and Christmas dinner on the table. Yes Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus. Sometimes he's just disguised as a Volks Folks member.

Until next time, Zen Hendricks

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On The Cover

I have been asked a couple of times in the past about how I created the covers for the VolksFolks News so I thought I would start giving a brief overview of the process each cover goes through for those who might be interested.

This month's cover art was created from a high resolution drawing of a Type III Stationwagen Variant found on the internet. The image was opened in Adobe Photoshop and the background and shadow deleted. A new background and shadow were created using filters in Photoshop then the Volkswagen logo and Text were layered in. Lastly the VolksFolks News logo was dropped in.



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High Country Bus Festival 9

July 29-31, 2005

This bus campout is held in the mountains of northwest North Carolina, near Boone and close to Grandfather Mountain. For bus lovers this is the Woodstock of bus gatherings for the Southeast. This campout is the highlight of my summer camping schedule. It seems to grow bus by bus each year. With close to 180 Type 2's dotting the hillside and filling campsites, you could see anything from split windows, bay windows, Vanagons, and Eurovan models to suit your taste.

The official days for the campout are on the weekend, but, some campers come as early as Wednesday. The past few years, we have gone up on Thursday to have extra time to hang out, visit with other bus owners, and shop in Boone.

We (the Barefoot and Wilson families) arrived on Thursday, set up camp and prepared for the weekend. On Friday, we did some shopping in Boone and visited with campers who had already arrived. At some point in the day, I asked around to see if anyone had

seen a stretch Vanagon Westy. Someone said they had, so I knew Kyle and Betty Guthrie had made it as well.

Saturday came and the campout was in full swing. The club that hosts the campout always serves their famous Breakfast Burritos on Saturday morning. If you haven't tried these, let me tell you that they are delicious. The fillings vary, but the main ingredients consist of eggs, bacon, sausage, sour cream, salsa, and chorizo. Chorizo is Spanish sausage, and man, is it spicy! After breakfast, we toured the field, bought wares from those selling, and enjoyed the cold (and I mean, cold!) creek located at the campground.

There was a tech session for those adults interested and several kids' activities for the younger crowd. Saturday night, there was a live bluegrass band and door prizes given out. Kyle had set up his projector and screen and showed *Alice's Restaurant* as well as several VW ads. After the ceremonial "Burning of the Engine Case," an impromptu jam session by several

campers and members of the bluegrass band broke out in the field. They played until we were told that it was late and to remember that there were others there besides the VW crowd.

On Sunday, a majority of the campers packed up and lined up for the carabus on the Blue Ridge Parkway. They always do this before we are even having our coffee in the morning, so we have never made it. But, from what I've heard, they cruise on the parkway and meet up at a state park for a group photo, then cruise on in to Boone to eat at the Mellow Mushroom. It sounds like fun.

The drive home for us was uneventful. After we reached Asheville, the Guthries headed on home while the rest of stayed there until Monday morning.

I do enjoy this campout and look forward to it all year. Next year's campout is already marked on my calendar - the last weekend of July. July 28-30, 2006 to be exact. I can't wait!

-Travis Barefoot

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Shoot the Breeze Much Ado About Nothing

As I sat down here to randomly move my fingers on this marvel of modern times to convey my thoughts into words (words that I wasn't quite sure of what they were or how to arrange them), it suddenly hit me like a beam of light shining through my eyes and blinding me that I had no idea of what I was going to say. I thought I knew what I was going to discuss, but it was either too bland or too much to think about, I'm not sure which. Anyway, it escaped this thick skull of mine and flew to wherever lost thoughts go to find themselves.

This doesn't happen to me often. I usually know what I am going to say when I sit down at the keyboard. This is because once an idea gets into my head, it bounces around like a ricocheting bullet with new angles of the same idea and growing in size and meaning. This could go on for as long as a

month or as little as a day. The idea is in there long enough to become an organized and interesting story or collection of thoughts. I would hope that others would make some sort of sense of my rambling in the guise of an articulate article, but I rarely know how often or if they do. I only have to wait and see what people say before I know if something hits home.

I suppose I could bore you with my recent experiences with Oscar, my '78 Bus. He has always been a loud expeller of gasses. One day, I was up in Cleveland and pulled into a gas station. The prices were about 10¢ higher than at the stations closer to home, so I decided to put enough in to get me back to Ooltewah. I also had some octane booster that I was going to put in to give him a

little oomph. The trouble is, I put the booster in before I put gas in, and as I said, I was only going to put a little in. So, a full bottle of octane booster with a little bit of gas was not the right combination. I pulled out onto I-75 south and after going only a mile or so, Oscar got really loud.

"What the..?" I thought. Did my muffler fall off? It had happened to me once before, so it wouldn't have surprised me. When I got to Ooltewah to fill the rest of the way up, I looked at the muffler to see what was up. It was still there, but it wasn't con-



nected to the connecting pipe between the muffler and the elbow of the crossover pipe. I can't say for sure that the high-octane boost caused the pipe failure, but that's what I think. There's no way all that rust had thinned the metal enough to just break at that point. No way.

A few days later, I bought an aftermarket muffler and put that bad boy on. After a lot of maneuvering, I got it on and started it up. The new one was much quieter. Quiet enough for me to notice a loud puffing coming from the header on 3 and 4. When I finally got Oscar in the garage and started troubleshooting, I discovered the manifold on #3 was deteriorated where it goes into the head. Time to find new ones. While I was at it, I decided to replace the heater boxes that were leaking enough to not do the job they were created to do. Now the shopping list consisted of manifolds, heater boxes, and a muffler (which was already bought). One heater control box needed welding to get it to work right, the rest of the exhaust pipes just needed a little sandblasting and repainting.

While up under Oscar, I also noticed that all 4 CV joint boots were cracked or almost all the way apart. I added those to the shopping list. On closer inspection I determined that the "next time" in the phrase, "These can last until

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Volkswagen To Make Vehicles MP3 Player Friendly

Volkswagen is planning to make their vehicles digital music player friendly. With the growing popularity of devices like the Apple iPod, it has become crucial for carmakers to support these gadgets to lure in the teenage crowd of today.

Volkswagen is now offering a stereo component that lets motorists plug in all manner of portable digital players including the most popular of them all - the iPod. Drivers would even be able to manage their tunes and podcasts on a dashboard display. Volkswagen is making the USB connection an option on its Golf, Golf Plus and Touran models in December and

on remaining models next year.

This option would come in two choices. One would be exclusively for the Apple iPod, with the connector being installed inside the glove compartment. iPods and similar devices can hold upwards of 60 gigabyte of information, put another way that would be like having a musical library of roughly 15,000 songs.

The other option would support connection to all USB capable digital music players, USB memory sticks or other USB-driven storage units such as USB harddrives, etc. The units will be accessible via the car stereo, and would be able to play MP3s and other digital media stored on the memory sticks. The setup will cost \$240. The system

would enable display of up to six of the player's folders on the car stereo display system making it easier for the driver to choose the track of his choice.

Volkswagen On TV

On Monday, October 10th, 2005, Oldbug.com's founder Randy Carlson will join Jesse James on the Discovery Channels *Monster Garage* as they turn the world's nastiest split window beetle into a serious performance monster in just 5 days!

The *Monster Garage* program has made a name for itself and its host Jesse James, as a no-holds-barred outlaw styled chop shop that creates fantastical vehicular creations that previously could only be found in imaginations and Saturday morning cartoons.

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Last week while on a trip in North Carolina I was just tooling along in my bug on Interstate 40 west, the sky was a beautiful Carolina blue, the countryside was lush with the verdant green of the woodlands and all was well. I was in blissful peace as each mile succumbed to the next when suddenly my reverie was shattered by a loud and elongated "pssssssss." Pulling off to the shoulder of the interstate I got out and examined the car and sure enough my initial diagnosis was the correct one - a flat!

If it had not been for a friend suggesting the day before that I should carry a spare on my trip (which I had not done before since I only drove around the Chattanooga area) I would have been up a creek, uh-h, make that "highway," without a paddle. I opened the hood and pulled out my spare then grabbed my bottle jack I had thrown in. It was then that I encountered my first les-

son of the day - a bottle jack won't fit under a bug when you have a flat because the whole side of the car is lowered. As I lay there on my side trying to find a way to position the jack somewhere under the car I became aware of a presence. I turned and looked behind me and a beautiful young woman was standing there! "Do you need some help?" she asked. Ahh, the clouds in the cloudless sky began to part!

"Sure, do you have a scissors jack?" I asked her hopefully.

"No" she answered.

"Bummer" I thought. Deciding that the interstate was not the best place to be left stranded I decided to hobble on down the shoulder to the next exit.

"How far to the next exit?" I asked.

"Not far, only about two miles."

Well, with Hannah (her name I later found out) following me on the shoul-

der the two miles turned into eight and then another mile up a country road to a diner where an Asplundh tree crew was getting ready to knock off for the day. My tire was now shredded but at least I had my spare. With Hannah asking I suddenly found my bug surrounded by the tree crew as they lifted the side of bug up and they got the jack under it. While the crew pretty much changed the tire for me Hannah asked what year my bug was. "72" I said.

She smiled real pretty and said "I thought so...I have a '72 too."

I knew it! If I had been in any other car on the side of the road without help I'd likely still be sitting there, but in a bug you can be sure someone will stop to lend a hand - maybe even a beautiful woman!

-Charlton (a.k.a. "Bugz")

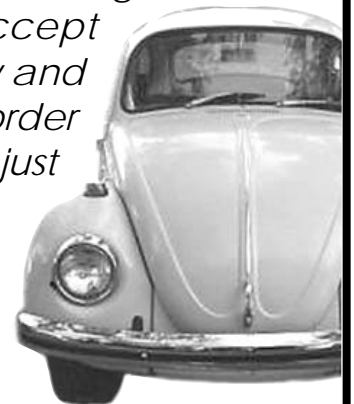
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Shoot The Breeze

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the next time..." had finally come. So the joints went on the list as well. I took my list to Joe at Tri-State Imports and got all the parts I needed. I found some used-but-good exhaust manifolds and brand-new heater boxes at a swap meet. Long story short, Oscar now has new exhaust from the headers all the way to the muffler, new CV joints and boots, and a boost of self-con-

fidence with the quieter sound of gas expelling from his posterior. He is so quiet in fact, that I could now hear the low rumble coming from the front end, or back end, or some end somewhere. Worn wheel bearings? I think so. I have started a new shopping list.

Till later,
 Gobusgo!

Air-cooled Volkswagen Quiz

- If the generator light came on while you were driving your VW down the road, what would be the first thing you would check for?
 a) Bad battery
 b) Bad voltage regulator
 c) Broken or slipping belt
- In what year did the first Bugs appear with 12 volt electrical systems?
 a) 1961
 b) 1964
 c) 1967
 d) 1970
 e) 1956

- What engine displacement would you have if you used a 69mm crankshaft and 92mm big bore pistons and barrels?
 a) 2180cc
 b) 1700cc
 c) who cares?
 d) 1835cc
 e) None of the above

- What size venturi does the 30 PICT-1 carburetor have?
 a) 28mm
 b) 30mm
 c) 32mm
 d) 24mm
 e) 20mm

- According to many experts, what is the biggest cause of tire failure?
 a) Punctures
 b) Out of balance
 c) Under inflated
 d) Bad Shocks
 e) Improper Alignment

3 - C
 2 - C
 1 - C
 4 - D
 5 - D

Answers:

Source: Hot VW's, December 1977

VolksFolks Word Cypher

In the puzzle below each letter corresponds to another different letter of the alphabet. There are no numerical digits and each letter has only one corresponding letter to match it, for example if you substitute an "R" for an "H" then you will substitute an "R" for an "H" throughout the puzzle as the following example demonstrates:

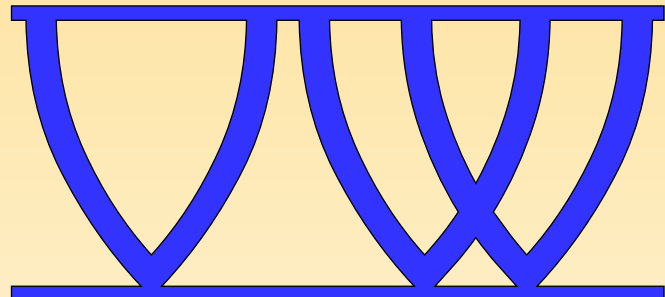
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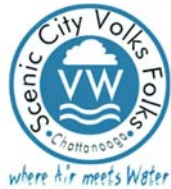
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