

#### From the Prez...

It's November! The leaves are starting to turn and fall, birds are flying south, and we'll be feasting on turkey and pumpkin pie in a few short days. Christmas will be here before you know it, followed by the cold of January and February. Many of us may be trying to figure out how we are going to fight off frostbite while driving our old air-cooled Volkswagens in the coming months, but we need to realize that winter in Chattanooga is short.

Very Short. Bug-A-Paluza 8 is lurking just around the corner. Here are a few things that any member can start working on TODAY to help us

get ready for the show:

Collect goodie bag items. Hit up every business that you deal with. Ask for anything that they can afford to donate, preferably in quantities of 250. If they just want to throw their business card in, we'll take it. Pens, pencils, letter openers, key chains, stress balls, discount coupons, flyers, catalogs, etc. . . . don't be picky. Get all you can of whatever you can. If every member can get 250 of one or two items, we will have the biggest and best goodie bag around.

Collect VW connecting rods. OK, I realize not everyone is going to be able to find rods, but if you work on your own engines or ever visit or deal with a shop that does, don't forget we need rods. Don't let any slip through our fingers and get sold for scrap. They don't bring much for scrap, but they sure look good topping off one of our trophies. We should be ok for this year, but don't forget about Bug-A-Paluza 9 and 10 and 11... we will need a pretty constant supply of rods if we are going to continue this tradition.

Come up with ideas for activities. We can afford to spend a "little" money, but try to keep them reasonable. We need activities that will entertain children and spouses that might not be as interested in the show and swap meet as their mom, dad, husband or wife. We want this to be a festival that the entire family can and will enjoy. We want everyone to leave the show anxious to return next year.

Till next time,

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#### On The Cover

This month's cover features Dennis Damron's classic '74 Type 1 Ghia. Dennis acquired his Ghia three years ago when his wife purchased it for him as a surprise. Dennis says the burgandy colored car came to him via Illinois but he believes it was in California prior to that. A stock '71 1600 dual port powers the vehicle which has won 8 trophies and one peoples choice award from nine car shows. In addition to a front end that has been completely replaced, Dennis has also had the interior reupholstered. Next up for the award winning Ghia is a trip to the body and paint shop to have some minute blemishes removed.



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## Shoot the Breeze How To Hang A Dog

No, I'm not into animal torture or killings. It is something that I don't condone and that's not what this is about. I'm the kind of person that does a "catch and release" of spiders that get into my house. I feel sympathy whenever I come across road-kill, whether it is a possum or a dog that lost its battle with traffic. No, this is about hanging an entirely different kind of dog.

Let's go back to November 15-17, 2004. It was the re-scheduled weekend of the Hanging Dog VW campout. Eric Johnson, Kevin Wilson, along with me and Talia started out late on Friday, so it was already dark when we pulled in and set up camp. This year's Hanging Dog campout was one event not to miss. Having been postponed from September to November due to impending flooding and torrential downpours, people were ready for this year's campout. The campsites were filled with VW owners ready for the weekend. After setup, we hit

the hay, eager for the next days activities.

Saturday morning was a cold one. Since there were no electric hookups, we relied on our old trusty Mr. Heater to keep the camper and tent warm. After breakfast, we promptly started on our plan for the day. Pictures were taken, friends visited, and food and drink consumed. The chairs around the campsite were also put into use most of the day. Around suppertime, we headed over to the potluck supper, which, consisted of barbecue pork, hamburgers, and chicken wings with side dishes brought in by campers.

This year, there was no "mop water", a concoction of Who-Knows-What (at least 1% Kool Aid to 99% liquor) for the campers to imbibe in on Saturday night, which is probably why it was quieter at

night than in previous camp-outs. That's ok though. I don't have too much of a taste for it anyway, and the quiet solitude made for great reflections of the soul and inner retreat possible.

There's not much more to it. Sunday came and we packed up and went home, anticipating the arrival of Hanging Dog 2005.

So, now the rest of the story.

The above writings are full of lies and deceptions. Did it sound like fun? Did you believe a word of it? Sounded like a fun time, didn't it? Let me tell you what really happened. Eric Johnson and



Kevin Wilson, along with me and Talia started out late on Friday, so it was already dark when we pulled into the campground. Things didn't look right. First, there were no lights. Usually, someone will have a lantern glowing or a fire raging, but there were none to be seen. Secondly, Loop A (the entrance to the campsite that fills up first was closed). OK, so maybe they are at Loop B. Nope, it's closed too. Same for Loops C and D. What was going on? We went back to the entrance to see if there was information about the campout. There, a note was posted telling the VW campers the campout had been moved. Why? Because the campground closed for the season on November 1st. We decided to follow the directions on the message board to find the other campers. It said to "turn by Tirezan Tires".

After passing this place twice, we stopped and asked a local where Tirezan Tires was. We found the Hanging Dog campout. It wasn't at a campground by Tirezan Tires, or a campground on the road that ran beside Tirezan Tires. It was at Tirezan Tires. We were greeted by the promoters of the campout and invited to come in and discuss the situation. They too, were taken by surprise by the closing of the campground. But, given no other option, they decided to allow campers to camp out behind the business. Seeing it was late and we had no

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intention of going home that night, we weighed our options. We could go up the road about a mile to a campground and pay upwards of \$20 for the night, or we could just stay where we were and camp for free. We opted to stay there for free.

Other than us, there were two other campers set up. One was George Rymer in his tent. The other was Frog (from the Gypsies) in his pull-behind travel trailer. There was someone with him, but I don't know who he was. There we were, up against a clay hill and surrounded on the other side by a giant wall of tires.

It was cold, so we rounded up what wood we could find, mostly pallet lumber and cardboard. I also had taken a bundle of wood with me, so that went on the fire too. Moose and Eric had already crawled into their respective beds and Talia was fast asleep in hers. I decided the night would go by quicker if I went on to bed as well, but ended up watching a movie on my Archos AV320 (a 20 gigabyte

m e d i a player - a w e - some!). The movie was T h e Butterfly Effect. I soon drifted off to sleep after

the battery went dead.

Saturday morning was cold. Mr. Heater kept us warm the night before and I fired it up again to warm Sweetpea up. We had packed a huge breakfast to cook on Saturday morning, but decided against making it. We took up camp, pulled out, and soon pulled into the Waffle King in downtown Murphy, NC to enjoy some breakfast made by someone else. After that, we carabused together until we separated to go to our respective homes.

Even though the campout didn't turn out as we planned, we couldn't complain. We got out of the house for a while, and hung out with each other, having fun in spite of the unexpected surroundings.

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We did appreciate the offer to stay at the tire store for free. I just wish that someone from up there would have known about the campground and cancelled it yet again.

Now we know for future campouts - no camping at that campgound past September.

Till later, Gobusgo!



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#### Volkswagen In The News

#### Concept to Production

#### Volkswagen Introduces Eos

Eighteen months after its concept C study was displayed at the Geneva Motor Show, Volkswagen has unveiled the production version of its coupé cabriolet model, the Eos.

Revealed to the world at the recent Frankfurt Motor Show. Volkswagen claims the Eos is the first four-seater car with a poweroperated five-section CSC roof.

"When closed, the curved roof forms part of an attractive and classic coupé body shape, yet when lowered the Eos takes on the appearance of a purpose-built convertible," Volkswagen said in a statement.

"It manages to look convincing in both guises because it is not derived from any other model. The integrated glass sliding sunroof is an innovation for this type of car, and

a welcome feature in less clement weather."

Under the body, many major components used in the Eos are shared with other Volkswagen models, including multi-link rear suspension, electro-mechanical power steering and a range of engines. These will include four gas engines, comprising a 1.6-litre FSI 115 PS; 2.0-litre FSI 150 PS, 2.0litre T-FSI 200 PS; and 3.2-litre V6 with 250 PS. In addition, a 2.0-litre TDI 140 PS diesel will be available.

Prices and specification will be announced closer to the model's launch in May, but constandard equipment firmed includes **ESP** (Electronic Stabilization Program), front airbags, 16" alloy wheels, air condi-





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Notable options will include Volkswagen's ten-channel, tenspeaker 600 watt Dyaudio system (as offered on the new Passat) and bi-Xenon directional headlights.

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# Bug Bites® It's The Experience That Counts

I was reminded one recent weekend of how Volkswagens have always been an integral part of my life and more specifically a part of life that I can share with my family.

When I first purchased my current bug (a '72 model), the wiring under the hood, under the back seat and in the engine compartment was a haphazard jumble of wires that somehow had been interconnected to some degree to achieve power for lights, ignition, etc. Whoever had owned my bug previously was quite frankly a complete idiot when it came to wiring. Even I, (and I'm pretty ignorant about electrical things) could have done a better job of slicing, splicing and crimping together wires than those who had attempted it previously. My wiring was so messed up that even Kyle Guthrie (who I greatly admire for his ingenuity and ability to turn his daydreams into realty) was only able to affect a temporary solution to my lights problem. That was in December of last year. During the ensuing ten months it was a constant

struggle and fight to keep my headlights lit at night, my turn signals blinking and my brake lights working.

One recent evening while visiting at my brothers house we downloaded the wiring schematic for my bug from www.thesamba.com. Armed with the schematic, tools and a flashlight we (really more like "he," cause all I did was hold the flashlight) traced down each wire, discovered where they went to and matched the correct female end to the appropriate male post, checked and replaced the necessary fuses and "voila" I had lights again.

While I really needed my lights fixed, the experience of working on my bug with my brother is one that I throuroughly enjoyed while also causing me a few moments of wistful



reflection. I don't recall the last time we actually worked on a bug together but I'm sure it has been at least twenty years or more and to be truthful, back then it would likely have been more of him working on it for me rather than us working together. I've gained enough knowledge since those early days to at least be dangerous when I have some tools around my bug but I'm sure I'll never get to be as good at mechanical things as he is. Thankfully that doesn't matter 'cause at least I have a bug that is going to need work done on it for a long time to come. To paraphrase 'Tuco' from The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, 'I know I have a brother that will never refuse me a helping hand with my bug when I need it.'

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

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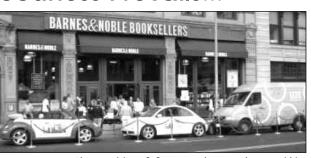
#### Rampant Smiles Materialize from Coast to Coast as Goodness Prevails...

Volkswagen's new Beetle, one of those truly rare cars that brings an automatic smile to peoples' faces, begins the 'Force of Good' tour traveling the country showering goodness upon the unsuspecting. The heart and soul of the Volkswagen brand is tak-

ing to the streets with nine 'Force of Good' Ambassadors from September 20 – November 8, 2005, spreading joy across the country with stops in New York City, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Seattle, San Francisco and Miami. These Ambassadors will battle every day evils by surprising drivers with paid parking meters and tolls, supplying IZZE® all-natural sparkling juice to thirsty people on a hot day, distributing coffee during rush hour and participating in local volunteer opportunities.

If ever there was a car made to spread goodness the new Beetle is it. Could you even imagine a mean person driving a Beetle? In fact, people who drive new Beetles prove themselves to be inherently goodnatured, fun-loving, and altruistic. Their positive and optimistic outlook on life is contagious and they love driving a car that says hello before they utter a single word.

"The Beetle has always embodied



the spirit of fun and goodness. We want the new Beetle to be a purveyor of joy, transporting our ambassadors from city to city and making a positive impact in communities," said John Gasloli, Brand Marketing Manager/Multicultural Marketing Manager, for Volkswagen of America, Inc. "We have a firm belief in 'giving back' and the 2006 Beetle is our mascot. When you see that big smile coming down the road you can't help but smile yourself."

The 'Force of Good' Tour will be actively participating in charitable events across the country. Remember, goodness prevails!

The 'Force of Good' Tour can be spotted this fall in the following cities:

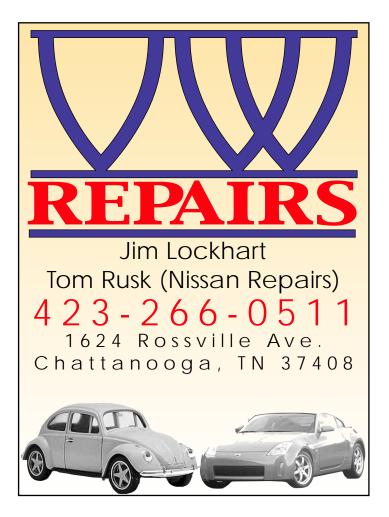
Detroit, MI - Thursday, Oct. 13 Seattle, WA - Monday, Oct. 17 -Saturday, Oct. 22 San Francisco, CA - Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Monday, Oct. 31 Miami, FL - Friday, Nov. 4 - Tuesday, Nov. 8 (South Florida Auto Show)

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#### **VolksFolks Word Scramble**

Unscramble the letters below to reveal a Volkswagen associated word. CAUTION: Some words are actually two words but in scrambled form appear as one word.

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2. Y E W T T P O	11. O O R I C C C S
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7. N A A R K M N	16. A A K S T C F B
8. A A T F S L W I E	ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S WORD CYPHER:  BUGAPALUZA IS THE BEST VOLKSWAGEN
9. W L S A N E G I X	SHOW IN THE SOUTHEAST.



# NEW MEETING LOCATION!

The Scenic City Volks Folks have begun meeting at the China Moon Restaurant located next to Goody's in the old East Gate Mall on Brainerd Road. Meeting time is 7:00 pm on the third Monday of every month. The November meeting will be on November 21, 2005. For more information check out the Volks Folks web site at:

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