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The Right Iron For The Drive:

VW Golf R32



From the Prez...

Unfinished Projects . . . how many do you have? I look around my yard and that's all I see. There's a pretty nice '68 Autostick Beetle that has a vacuum leak. I think that's what the problem is anyway. It's been so long since I messed with it I really can't remember. It's probably a cheap and easy fix, but I just haven't took the time to figure it out and work on it. I've got other projects I need to complete first. My wife's '75 convertible for one. I need to at least put a driver's side floor pan in it so she can drive it. The floor is so rusty that I pushed the seat through it when I was threading up the throttle cable a couple of months back. That was when I was finally getting around to replacing the alternator. It had been sitting for a month or so before I finally took the alternator out of the box and installed it. Then there's Homer the Superbus. . . the super-out-of-line bus is more like it. It's been chewing up left front tires for a year. I finally got the trailing arms off of my spare front beam and installed new ball joints on them. . . but they don't seem to help Homer's front end while they are laying on the workbench. I guess I need to install them and have the front end lined up someday. It probably won't be today. . . or tomorrow. Tomorrow I really need to go over to my mom's house and put a tarp over "Goldie," my grandson's '74 Sunbug. Mom has been after me for a year or two to do it. I promised Jesse we would have Goldie restored by the time he started driving. He's 7 now. He was 3 when I gave it to him. I guess I need to get started soon. . . he'll be driving before you know it. On top of all my VW

projects, there are two or three non-VWs I need to get going so I can get rid of them and make room for some more VW projects. Then there's all the stuff around the house that needs fixing. Well, it's January. No time like the present to make a resolution to, if nothing else, not get any deeper into "project debt." My second resolution was going to be go the whole year without buying any VW toys. . . but the Dollar General Store had 1/6 scale Herbie Fully Loaded microbuses for \$50. I hope they taste as good as they look. I think I just spent next month's grocery money!

I have a couple of "club business" items I need to bring up while I've got your attention.

First, remember that a few months ago the club membership voted to make all dues due at the beginning of the year, regardless of when you paid them last year. This may seem like it's a little thing, but it will be a big help to Lamar and Cindy. So, if you haven't paid your dues in '06, they are due. Your dues don't quite cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, but it helps. OK, I'm not gonna dwell on it and I'm not going to throw rocks at you if you don't pay them, I just wanted to remind everyone WE, as a club, voted to make all dues due in January.

Second, I just want to remind everyone that it's only a little over 3 months until Bug-A-Paluzza 8. If you haven't already, start hitting up the businesses you deal with for stuff for our goodie bags and stuff for door prizes! April is a'coming!

Until next time, keep on V-dub'n!

-Zen Hendricks



On The Cover

This months cover features a 2006 VW Golf R32 in honor of cars 24 millionth vehicle coming off the assembly line. With this year's Bug-A-Paluzza show having the theme of "Year of the Rabbit," it seems only fitting to start the first issue of the year off featuring the current incarnation of the vehicle that was first marketed in the United States as the "Rabbit."

The R32 on the cover was superimposed on top of a photo of a golf course green. The windows were altered to allow the green to appear behind it.



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Shoot the Breeze You Can Go Home Again

Thomas Wolfe wrote a book called *You Can't Go Home Again*. It is a story about a man who, after being gone for quite some time, returned home, only to leave again after being ostracized by his friends and family because of things he wrote about them in books. They were so enraged by his writings and they felt exposed by what he wrote. Their hatred was enough to make him to leave home again. He travels to various parts of the world, trying to find himself and his own identity. The story culminates with him coming back home to rediscover it with "love, sorrow, and hope." I can't say that this has happened to me or that I know how this man feels, but I think that the phrase that "you can't go home again" is not necessarily true, at least for me. You can go home again...things are just smaller and lessons learned are clearer, that's all.

Just this past week, I went to my Grandma's house in Florida for a long New Year's weekend. It's not like taking a trip there is anything new; I visit her several times during the course of a year. It is the house where I grew up and it is hard to stay away. It's also hard to leave it when the time comes to return to my current home more than 500 miles away. I like taking my family there because I want my children to see where their Daddy grew up and to be more in touch with the person who made him who he is today. My grandma is the one who raised me throughout my entire schooling years.

She is a tough lady. Not only did she raise her own three children in that house, but she took on the selfless job of raising five of her grandchildren as well. Along with me and my brother and sister, two of my cousins also grew up under that same roof. We didn't have a lot of money. We always had enough

food, clothes to wear (no matter how worn), and someone to guide us along our way. Our home church made sure that all of us children were able to attend their two-room private school by getting donations from church members. We didn't always get what we wanted, but we always got what we needed. My grandmother was the one who taught us that work was a part of life. I can remember the daily chores: feed and water the chickens in the morning, do yard work in the daytime, and gather up eggs and do the feeding and watering all over again just before dark. There was over 2 acres of yard to mow, a small grove of orange and grapefruit trees to attend to, and lots of weeding and trimming of bushes and trees. This clearing of brush was a necessary thing. Not that I wanted to do it at the time...I would rather have been playing in the tire swing or riding my bicycle on the dirt road that ran beside our house.

I guess that going back home makes me realize just how things have changed since leaving there in 1987. The yard, which seemed to be of enormous size when I was very young, now looks smaller to me. The chicken shack, which at one point held over 100 chickens laying eggs every day, is now a dilapidated hull, falling in and without a feather to give a clue as to what used to be there. Things were different...which brings me back to the brush and undergrowth that constantly needed clearing. Sure, my grandma would tell us to do it, to make sure that the weeds and vines that grew up between the massive oaks were cleared out and kept at bay. She might have mentioned a reason for this to be done. Whatever that reason was, I was not clear on at the time. I think now that I do know what it was. In addition to teaching us the value of work and the satisfaction of a job well-done, the clearing of the underbrush and lush vegetation left less room for the breeding of the one pest that you become well aware of in the cooler mornings and evenings in Florida: the mosquito.



This past weekend I really noticed the mosquitoes. I also noticed that some clearing needed to be done. This made me put two and two together and conclude that all that work when I was a kid was not just some way to torture us children; to keep us from playing and having fun when we wanted to. It had a purpose. She had a purpose. That was something that I really couldn't appreciate until I did go home again. Why I hadn't noticed this until just now I'll never know. I have been back home more than a hundred times since I left there nearly 20 years ago, yet the connection between the work and the results didn't come to me until this past weekend. When that connection was realized, it was then that I came to the conclusion that maybe I had grown up. It was a changing point in my life to make me appreciate more the lessons and love that my grandmother gave to her motherless grandchildren with everything she could give.

I haven't been a little boy for quite some time. The toys that I used to play with have gone down the lane of nearly forgotten memories. A lot of time has passed between playing in the mud in the ditches after a rain to playing in the garage with one of my Volkswagens. I now have children to do the real playing for me. If I hadn't grown up in the years since moving away, I think that I may have now. I just need to find out. Maybe I'll go home again and see.

Till later,
GoBusGo!

**In 1950,
a VW Bus cost
2 cents per mile
to run.**

Technically Reading...

Well, here we are - a brand new year to deal with. If it's not raining, it's cold, and if you're like me, no cozy shop to slip in to during these winter months. I think I've watched every *Law & Order* episode known to man on the telly, and even my "honey-do's" require me to be outside - What's a person to do? Read something? What a great idea, especially if it's something about Volkswagen, the little critter we can love and hate in the same breath.

There must be hundreds of publications written about VW's in all languages from German to Swahili and I've either read, or looked, at a lot of them.

I think *Small Wonder* was the first English language publication that I read on the subject. In 1967 at Southland Volkswagen, where I was paying my dues, my boss, Dan Clippinger (aka Mr. Dan), dragged me into his office and said, "Johnston, seeing how you are so "gung ho" about VW's I bought you

something to muse over." It was a hardbound copy of a book called *Nine Lives Later VW* from 1930-1965 written by Dan Post published in 1966. I don't know how many times I've read this book cover to cover, and I'm here to tell you that I've never read a publication, as of yet, that covered so much detail of the very early days of Volkswagen. It also covers the early life and shows the genius of Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, as a young engineer with Daimler-Benz and the design of the Astro Daimler aircraft engine that became the prototype of the air-cooled VW engine. It also shows and tells about the prototype VW's built by NSU, Zundapp, many road tests, first production models before WWII, building of the Wolfsburg plant, war years, Hitler's involvement, and what happened in the post-war era. There are very interesting British comments about the future of the car and a whole, whole lot more! Even Type II's, sorry!

I could go on and on about this publication. I think it's the best, or certainly one of the best, histories ever written on the subject of VW. It has been reissued in a larger format as a paperback and you can order it online from Amazon.com, but it is starting to get rare again. Buy, borrow, or steal this publication if you care to learn about where our critters came from. Reading this history should keep you busy for awhile and before you know it, it will be spring and my shop roof will have sprouted new leaves.

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Volkswagen In The News

VW Golf production surpasses 24 million

The Volkswagen Golf recently marked a production milestone reached in Wolfsburg, Germany, where the 24 millionth Golf rolled off the production line.

This special anniversary model was a Golf Comfortline 2.0-litre TDI

in Tornado Red.

Volkswagen Production Board member Reinhard Jung commented: 'The Golf is top of the registrations list in Western Europe and the best-selling vehicle in the Volkswagen Group.'

The model's success story began with production in 1974.

By 2002 Golf production figures surpassed Beetle production, setting a new record at Volkswagen. In total, over 719,000 Golf models were delivered to customer's worldwide last year, and the car is consistently ranked as the best selling vehicle in Western Europe.

The Mk V Golf range has been strengthened even further this year with the launch of the new Golf R32.

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Air-Cooled Engine Era Ends At Volkswagen

WOLFSBURG, Germany — A long chapter in the history of Volkswagen ends on Friday when the last air-cooled engine, a simple motor that was developed in the 1930s for the first VW by famed German engineer Ferdinand Porsche, is fitted into its Brazilian Kombi minivan.

"It's the end of a very long era," Ivan McCutcheon, editor of Britain's VolksWorld magazine, told the Associated Press. "The VW air-cooled engine has been perhaps the greatest produced engine in numbers the world has seen."

VW was forced to change the engine in the Kombi because of a

new Brazilian emissions law to reduce pollution that goes into effect in 2006. The Kombi will get a new water-cooled engine and a radiator for the first time.

To mark the engine changeover, VW is manufacturing about 200 Kombi "Silver Edition" models for collectors. They are outfitted with the old engine and painted silver. About 30 of the special editions are expected to end up with British importers, ranging in price from \$23,300 to \$30,400.

What this means to you: Hoist a glass for the passing of a simple, yet historic, engine philosophy.

Volkswagen at Sea

Volkswagen Marine has signed a distribution contract with Ring Power in the US making Volkswagen Marine engines available for the first time in the US market. Volkswagen Marine engines were first distributed in Europe in 2001.

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Gone, Gone, Gone :(



This month I'm on a rant! I'm p-o'd at the National Store of China (aka. Wal-Mart) and I'll tell you why... but first let me back track a bit.

Like other VW owners, I am also a collector of VW toys, paraphernalia and die-cast VW's and of course anything "Herbie."

When I found out about the huge radio controlled Herbie car I wanted one. Unfortunately when they came out I was jobless and it wasn't high on my priority list. Then when I got a job I couldn't find them. The only ones I could find were on ebay and going for over \$150. Definitely out of my price range. I figured I would just have to wait until one day when the stars were aligned, the wind was blowing just right and the Braves won another World Series before I would be able to find one at a more reasonable price. In other words it seemed destined to be one of those things that I wasn't going to be able to get.

Right before the holidays I thought

I might luck out. I figured Wal-Mart would carry them for the Christmas season. I went to every Wal-Mart in my area almost nightly hoping to find one, but all I could find was the green or orange Type II seen in the *Herbie Fully Loaded* movie. While I would have loved to have one of those, it was the Herbie car itself that was my goal.

Christmas came and went and still no RC Herbie's to be found. Two days later I happened to be in Wal-Mart and on an end cap sat three of the prized toys on sale for \$99! Even though I only had \$12 in my pocket, I was overjoyed and promptly put one in my cart and headed to lay-away. Inside I could feel my chest puffed out a little in triumph!

Finally the prize I sought would be mine! The hair on my neck tingled in anticipation. As I made my way to lay-away I realized I had not felt this way since my early childhood when I

couldn't sleep for days before Christmas. As I turned down the aisle to lay-away I had a sudden sense of foreboding - the lights were out and as I got near my dread was realized - the lights were out, no clerks were at the register. Frantic I accosted an employee coming from the back. "Is lay-away closed?" I asked. "Yes," came the curt reply, "until the first of the year." Oh no! A sudden pain in my chest as I was suddenly deflated by the news! "How can that be?" I asked the disappearing employee, who seemed not to hear me. He just shrugged his arms and walked on.

Over the next few minutes the pain changed to anger and then rage. How and why can the nations number one retail store close down an entire department right after Christmas! Absurd! And they complain about profits being down! Well of course they'll be down, they put obstacles in front of customers making it hard and difficult to spend their money!

Now days later I'm counting down the minutes until my next pay day and just praying my RC Herbie will still be on the shelf when the calendar turns. The pain and the anger are gone but the dull ache of defeat remains - all because of a toy and a store that wasn't customer friendly!

Update:

I'm all smiles now ' cause they still had three of the RC Herbies when I went back on January 1st. I put all three in layaway! It made quite a buzz in the Layaway department when I wheeled in my cart filled with the three Herbies. Turned out two of the clerks had aircooled VWs and after talking 'Volkswageneese' with them for thirty minutes I finally got out of there with a smile on my face and a hole in my wallet. I'm so excited about my Herbie's I can hardly see straight!

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

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VW Golf

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The R32 has the highest standard specification of any model in the Golf range, and includes 18-inch alloy wheels, bi-xenon headlights, as well as 2Zone Climatronic air conditioning, a ten-speaker audio system and rain sensor wipers with auto-dimming rear view mirror.

Powered by a 3.2-litre V6 250 hp petrol engine, the R32 features 4MOTION four-wheel drive as standard.

Answers to last issues Anagrams

- undo our tab (10)
Answer: ROUNDABOUT
- round gin barn (7,5)
A: RUNNING BOARD
- wild snow pit (5,6)
A: SPLIT WINDOW
- tight quarrel (12)
A: QUARTERLIGHT
- four hands (3,6)
A: FAN SHROUD
- handiness now (4,3,5)
A: SHOW AND SHINE
- a chubby egg (5,5)
A: BEACH BUGGY
- dining eel (6,3)
A: ENGINE LID
- twirliest whale (9,5)
A: WHITEWALL TIRES
- turbo tracer (11)
A: CARBURETOR
- gas lit hilt (9)
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- bus perm (7)
A: BUMPERS
- od bad rash (9)
A: DASHBOARD
- fowl grubs (9)
A: WOLFSBURG
- fewer ovals (6,4)
A: FLOWER VASE
- he daft or ill (5,6)
A: Adolf Hitler
- boiler cat (9)
A: CABRIOLET
- apple cores (7,3)
A: PEOPLES CAR
- cool aider (9)
A: AIRCOOLED
- spare home (9)
A: SEMAPHORE

It's A Date...

We all know that ovals are 50s and Jeans means 70s right? but how many of you know your VW history? We've given you all the dates below to match up with the events listed underneath. Each year appears only once in the list so pens at the ready and we'll begin...

**1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1942 1945 1946 1949
1950 1952 1953 1955 1957 1959 1960 1962 1964 1965
1966 1967 1968 1970 1971 1973 1974 1975 1978 1980**

_____The Beetle received it's 'split' rear window.

_____Porsche were forced to abandon development of the Beetle in favour of military vehicles.

_____Initial target of 1,000 Beetles built in a month was reached resulting in the 10,000 Beetle being assembled.

_____The first Beetle to have a horn ring added to the steering wheel and the simplified version of the Wolfsburg crest on the bonnet.

_____Last 'silver edition' Beetle imported into the UK.

_____Beetle and split screen transporter officially launched for sale to the public.

_____Introduction of the 1300 semi-automatic Beetle and bay-window camper.

_____Introduction of the 1302 Beetle and the 1500 Beetle discontinued.

_____The first of the oval rear window Beetles.

_____Adolf Hitler appointed Porsche to build his vision of 'the peoples car'.

_____Final three prototypes were sent for road testing over a distance of 30,000 miles.

_____The first Beetle with a twin tailpipe exhaust.

_____The first European Beetles to have their semaphores replaced by flashing indicators. Also the introduction of the 34bhp engine.

_____Launch of the special edition 'Jeans Beetle'.

_____Porsche produced the 'bucket car' built on a Volkswagen chassis.

_____The first of the large rectangular rear window Beetles.

_____Production of the Beetle at Wolfsburg Germany ceased.

_____Production of the 100,000 Beetle.

_____The first Beetle to have the Wolfsburg crest removed from the bonnet.

_____The first beetles with all windows enlarged.

_____Last Cabriolet built for US market.

_____Production of the Beetle at Hanover Germany ceased.

_____Construction work began on Volkswagen factory Hanover.

_____The introduction of the 1300 Beetle.

_____First right-hand drive Beetles were exported to the UK market.

_____The introduction of the 1500 Beetle with front disc brakes and four stud wheels.

_____British army resumed production of the beetle and the factory was named Wolfsburg Motor Works.

_____The first beetles with 12v electric's, upright headlights and small engine lids.

_____Porsche produced an amphibious jeep called 'Schwimmwagen' and built on a volkswagen chassis.

_____Introduction of the 1303 Beetle, and Mexico celebrated the production of their 21 millionth Beetle.



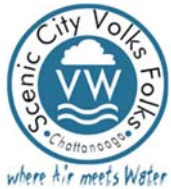
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