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NEWS



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Humphrey:**

**DUNE BUGGY
FEVER!**



A Word From The Prez...

The June meeting saw the Scenic City Volks Folks electing officers for 2006-2007. After a years break, the membership saw fit to put me back in office as the club President. Zen Hendricks will fill the position of Vice President, Amanda Dempsey remains as Secretary and Cindy and Lamar Lewis will remain the club Treasurer(s). I have yet to appoint an official Show Chairman but that appointment should come shortly. Thank You for your vote of confidence.

We are in the middle of show season again and everything is going great. Bug-A-Paluzza 8 turned out to be a huge success for the Scenic City Volks Folks, the Shrine Ladies Helping Hands and the Volkswagen community. Even though there were some problems with a substance called "MUD", everyone in attendance at *Bug-A-Paluzza 8* pulled together, moved the whole show to drier ground and the show went one with everyone leaving happy.

Several members made the trip to what is rapidly becoming an event "not to miss". *Funfest for Beetle* at Mid America Motorworks saw several members of the Volks Folks attending and have a great time as has become the norm. *Bug'n in July* in Huntsville, AL is coming up with a new show being held in Knoxville the

same weekend. The next show is the event held in Birmingham in August then there are two camping events, *High Country Bus Festival* and *Busses on the River*. There are other events coming up that some of us are talking about going to in Arkansas and Florida that we've never attended before. It's a busy time of the year!

There are numerous shows coming up on the calendar for the coming months. There will be numerous Volks Folks in attendance for these events. Usually we try to caravan to the various events so if you are interested in going along, check the web site forums under "Events" and you can get the travel arrangements.

With *Bug-A-Paluzza 8* behind us and *Bug-A-Paluzza 9* already at the end of the tunnel, it is not to early to start planning for next years show. The Scenic City Volks Folks are rapidly running out of VW (air-cooled) connecting rods which we use to make our, now famous, trophies. The Volks Folks will give a free vendor space or a show car space to anyone donating 50 rods or more to our cause. Please be assured, the rods will ONLY be used for our trophies. This offer is good to anyone in the Volkswagen community or beyond as far as that goes. This event has gained national attention and it would be a shame not to be able to continue making and giving the "coolest trophies" in the whole show circuit.

Our newsletter has been pushed

behind because of our Editor, Charlton Wiggins, having major surgery for back problems, but he's back on the active list. He needs input and content from our membership. If you have anything you would like to contribute, a show report, a project report, anything you would like to submit, send it to Charlton at vwbugz@gmail.com. Until next month, slow down just a little, take a side road and enjoy the view from inside a Volkswagen. -Herb



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VWs on the Island, June 2-4, 2006

There is no better camping than camping by a creek of cool, refreshing water. The only thing better than that is camping and being surrounded by Buses, Beetles, and Things (Oh my!). This is the setting for VWs on the Island, a campout at River John's Island, just off the beaten path between Maryville and Seymour, TN in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains.

We went up to this weekend campout a day early to enjoy the island before the rest of the crowd showed up.

Submitted by Travis Barefoot



Shoot the Breeze The Tie That Binds

There's nothing more important than family time, is there? Moments spent with loved ones seem to go by too quickly, going who knows where, leaving you wondering where they went, and filling you with the hope that the next bonding session comes quickly. It doesn't matter what you do to spend time with those closest to you. It can be something as involved as a day at an amusement park or as simple as watching a movie together. You can spend a week of vacation at a resort or just an hour of reading a book. It really doesn't matter. Time has this annoying way of just disappearing in the rear-view; you can see it going behind you, still visible yet getting smaller, and soon it joins the rest of the scenery in its little vanishing act.

I can't believe that my oldest child is six years old. I remember the day she was born, how small she was, how defenseless...as if she needed a knight in shining armor to protect her...a job that I was all too eager to take on. I can remember that she was barely over four pounds and could fit in the length of my fingertips to elbow. She was so small that she was almost swallowed alive by the safety seat we took her home in. She didn't stay small for long. Now, it almost breaks my back to pick her up. No longer does she put her fist to her mouth and turn her head sideways to let us know she is hungry. Now she can eat a whole bag of pizza rolls in two, if not one sitting! She is in first grade and showing us that being born premature does not mean that you can't do what you set your mind to.

My son just turned three years old. The rambling run-on rudimentary warbling that constituted as communication has evolved into comprehensible conversation (and that's a mouthful!). When he was born, his birth weight was more than his sister's was. He even looked a whole lot bigger lying on the examining table in the delivery

room. I remember the joy of getting a boy. We knew his sex before he was born, but it still didn't take away from the swelling of pride inside me when I first saw him. Not that I wasn't proud when my daughter was born, but you know, the father/son thing... I had a boy! People told us that we would have an easier time with a boy than we did with a girl. I'm not so sure about that. Do little boys intentionally and willfully yearn to destroy? Are they ever so vigilant in their quest to demolish everything they touch?

I know that Talia wasn't as destructive as Trey is. In our house, if you want to hold on to something precious for more than a few minutes, you had better put it out of reach. And even "just out of reach" is not good enough anymore. He has learned to push a chair from the kitchen table to wherever he wants to get and open up cabinets previously out of reach for him. Sometimes I ask myself "What am I going to do with him?" Usually, I don't have an answer for that.

Now about this together time...it's not always easy to do. Reading a book with the kids not only helps them in future reading, it also creates moments in time where you are close, maybe even curled up together on the couch for those prized few minutes. While that is somewhat soothing, playing together is trying at times. Talia wants me to play with her, but without Trey. Trey won't always comply with her wishes. So I try to find something that both of them want to do together. It seems like most of the time we end up playing outside in the playground where the "get along together" factor is at an all time high. Not always, but it usually is. I know that they can't be nice to each other all the time...it's just not humanly



possible. But when they do get along, it's like the place where heaven and earth meet at the horizon; a seamless merging of two opposites in perfect harmony with each other and the universe. And when that happens, the together time becomes more meaningful.

When do Linda and I get time together? When do we get time that is just for me and her? It isn't often. Our 12th wedding anniversary was just last week. We were lucky enough to have Linda's parents around who were able to take the kids, if only for a few hours, for us to have some alone time...just her and I. You know, it used to be about just us. We were married for five years before Talia was born. We had all that time. We went to far-away places and did outrageous things... we stayed close to home and did boring things. We did these things together. But now it isn't just about us. And you know what? It doesn't really make a difference. We still do some of the outrageous and boring things that we enjoyed when it was just the two of us. The only thing that has changed is the number of people present when we do those things. Four is more! And I'd rather have more than none at all.

Till later,
- GoBusGo!

Shining A Little Light On Headlights

There are two types of early headlights for Beetles up to 1966 and Buses up to 1967, these are European and American. The European version has a fluted exterior glass lens, this



uses a bulb that looks like an extra large tail-light bulb, which relies on the lens to distribute the beam of light.

The American version uses a clear exterior glass lens and a bulb which is 7 inches in diameter. The sealed beam bulb has a built in fluted surface that directs the light, which is the reason for the exterior lens being clear.



Two suppliers were called upon by VW to make these headlight assemblies as demand was so great, the companies were Hella and Bosch. Both manufacturers got a little creative with their positioning of the headlight beam adjustment screws. These are screws that are located in the face of the chrome ring surrounding the headlight and are used to adjust the direction of the headlight beam.



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Volkswagen In The News

2007 Volkswagen Rabbit - VW Ditches the Golf Name For It's \$15,000 Hatchback

As VW image guru Kerri Martin tries to recapture VW's former funky enthusiast flair, she's taking VW back to its roots. She did this to great effect at BMW's Mini division, and since arriving at VW with Mini's former ad agency, she's made a lot of changes. From the GTI's new commercials stressing German engineering to the fact that the GTI has a firm, well-damped suspension (unlike its marshmallow predecessor), VW is refocused on its performance past. Taking the retro theme a step further is the fifth-generation Volkswagen Golf that debuted in Europe last year: In the U.S., it will be called Rabbit, just like the car's first generation. We haven't driven the Rabbit, but VW assures us



that it will be a driver's car, even with an unimpressive-sounding 150 horsepower from its 2.5-liter five-cylinder. With a price that starts around \$15,000 with decent equipment (except good wheels), it might just be the vehicle that puts VW back on hip young shoppers' radar. If the Rabbit has better quality than the outgoing model it replaces, VW's product turnaround will be more than just marketing-speak.

Did you hear about the Volkswagen diet?

BERLIN - A 440-pound German man discovered that being overweight can be good for your health -- if you get run over by a car.

German police said the extra body mass prevented the 30-year-old man from suffering potentially fatal injuries when a Volkswagen Polo drove over him after he braked suddenly on his bicycle at a crossroads and fell off in front of the car.

"It certainly helped him in this case," said Sven-Marco Claus, a spokesman for police in the western town of Gifhorn on Monday. "Someone smaller would probably not have been so lucky."

The man dislocated his hip, which local doctors put back in place, but otherwise suffered only scratches and a bloody nose from the underside of the vehicle, police said.

Volkswagen Drops 3-Wheel Car Plan

Volkswagen AG, Europe's largest carmaker, won't build a three-wheeled car, dubbed the GX3 and targeted at the U.S., because of concerns about future lawsuits resulting from the vehicle's design.

"With regret, we have concluded that the current...product liability issues at this time were just too great," Adrian Hallmark, Volkswagen's U.S. chief, said.

Volkswagen, which hasn't turned a profit in the U.S. since 2002, intended to introduce the two-seat vehicle, which would have been equipped with two wheels in the front, weighed 1,300 pounds (590 kilograms), had no roof, as early as next year.

The vehicle purportedly attains 46 mpg compared to the DaimlerChrysler Smart car with 40 mpg.

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A Letter To Herbie

I've mentioned before that my 51/2 year old niece is now a big Herbie fan. Whenever she comes over to my house she wants to watch Herbie movies, even though she watches them all the time at home. Of course I encourage her Herbie fascination whenever I can. Back in February I bought her one of the 1/6 scale remote control Herbie's for my birthday. Few times can match the joy I felt when I saw her little face light up.

But tonight I discovered that her fascination with Herbie had reached to new heights. My brother informed me that she had written a note to Herbie (even though she can't write) and asked him for an autographed picture. I thought that was so cute and funny at the same time. She even put one of her little stickers on it for a stamp, had her mother address it to Herbie then went out and put it in the mailbox.

The letter of course had to be retrieved when Catherine (my niece) wasn't looking. Tonight it fell into my hands and I locked it away in my safe where it will remain until one day when she is grown and we can share it and laugh about it.

Right now though this precious little girl is anxiously awaiting a signed photograph from Herbie, so I've taken it upon myself to work some Photoshop magic and print out on photo paper an 8x10 glossy photo of Herbie with his autograph (an ink tire track) and a personal note typed on paper also signed by Herbie.

I know it's not playing Santa but it sure gives me the same kind of joy!

- Charlton Wiggins



Award Winning Buggy

Alan Humphrey's Allison/Daytona Shines

Longtime Volks Folks club member Alan Humphrey owns several Volkswagens, principally a '69 Ghia he purchased four years ago and the vehicle that is featured on this month's cover - a late 60's Allison/Daytona dunebuggy. This beautiful black and gold buggy sits on a '65 pan and was originally built by Wayne Whitmire of Gainesville. When Alan picked it up seven years ago it was in fair condition but in need of some tender loving care. Alan completely repainted the buggy and installed all new chrome and new seats.

The power plant is a stock 1600 dual port engine that

shines with lots of chrome and brought Alan an engine sound off trophy home from Sevierville.

Alan says the hot little buggy has garnered him between fifteen and twenty trophies in dune buggy / kit car classes at various shows.

As for his Ghia, Alan bought it four years ago and his wife used it for a daily driver between Dalton and Chattanooga for eighteen months. It is all original and waiting to be restored.

Alan's buggy is a superb example of the Allison/Daytona buggy and is a sight to behold on a sunny day with the metallic gold flecks reflecting in the sun.



At left: Alan's buggy in the shop undergoing transformation. Below: All shined up to show, the Allison-Daytona buggy gleams at the 2005 Labor Day Car Show in Lafayette, GA.



VolksFolks Classifieds



I'm fixing to have one of these trailers it's not this nice it will need to be redone but it is the same stile. I will be asking \$250.00 for it any Interest 423-903-0404.



New Rail Buggy For Sale. This thing is new front to back. It's a older buggy but it has been redone front to back this past summer. It's a real screamer. \$3,500.00 O.B.O. Call Jason at 423-903-0404



This is a '01 New Beetle TDI diesel with 71,000 miles on it. The car is a 5 spd manual with aluminum alloy rims, new tires, factory spoiler, black cloth interior, Monsoon sound system, 6-disc CD changer, sunroof, new timing belt, and gets about 50mpg on the highway. It's located in Chickamauga, GA. For more info., call Byron or Monica at 423-785-7240 or 706-375-9301 or contact me. \$12,500.



'69 BEETLE FOR SALE - \$3200 1641cc engine, rebuilt 5K miles ago; .043 valves, 110 deg. cam; new Solex PICT 34-3 carb; new ball joints; new master cylinder, front wheel cylinders, front shoes; straight body, solid pans, cheap but presentable paint job; uncut dash. CD player mounted under the dash w/4 speakers; tires are serviceable, but will need new tires before long; runs and drives great, very quick, lots of fun! Needs: gas gauge works, but is inaccurate; headliner; a couple of areas of surface rust dealt with, could be done with a rattlecan. Doug Bennett -256-508-3714.



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Real nice Vanagon. Runs and drives great. extremely solid. Big Air-cooled engine. Owner wants around \$800.00 Call (423) 332-2408.

Custom Bike Rack for Classic Beetle for sale. Bike rack was purchased from VW about 1975 to work on '74 Super Beetle. Please call 423-315-2892 for more info. Leave a voice mail if we're unavailable, and we'll return the call as soon as possible.

1600cc Motor For Sale. This motor was built last summer. It's a real tight motor I've been holding on to it for my Rail project but it's got to go. I'll take \$500.00 for it. 423-903-0404 or 423-903-7229

Curved Super Beetle Windshield for sale. Have good used curved super beetle windshield some fog on edges. rear quarter glass and defrost rear, all \$65. Also have glove box liner and door with twist latch \$15. for super beetle. Call if interested 423-875-6355.

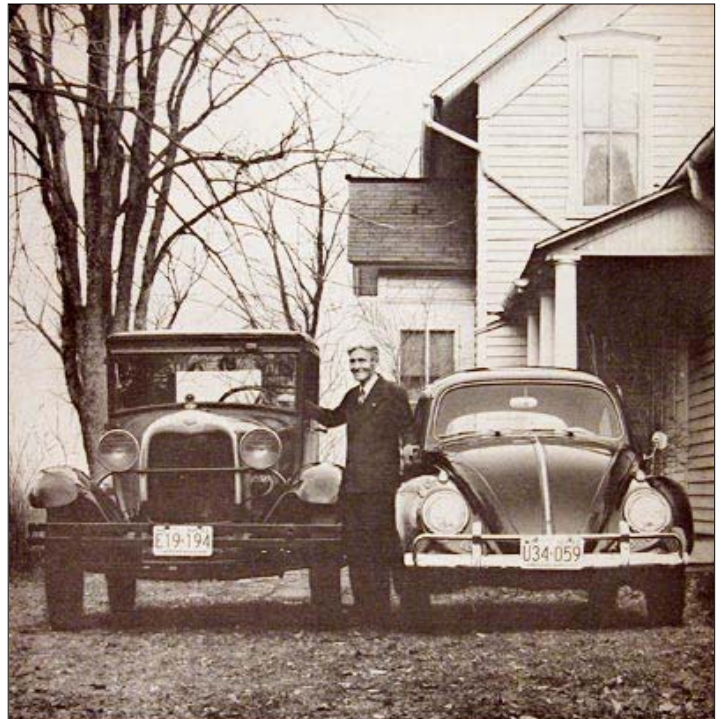
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33 years later, he got the bug.

We're glad that most people don't wait 33 years to buy their first Volkswagens. But Albert Gilla did, and maybe he had the right idea all along. He didn't buy a new car for 33 years because he didn't happen to need one. He and his 1929 Model A Ford did just fine by each other.

He always did his own repairs and even jacked it up at night to save the fret. When he needed a new car last year, he went out and bought a Volkswagen. "I heard they hold up," he explained. Does he like the VW? Mr. Gilla is 76, a Justice of the Peace, and not given to hasty decisions.

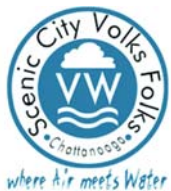
"Your inspectors sure do a good job of inspecting," was as far as he would go. But he did mention that he and Mrs. Gilla took a trip for their 50th anniversary. They drove 6,750 miles and spent \$42 on gas and \$56 on oil. "I didn't think they were supposed to burn oil," he said.



WANTED

The Scenic City Volks Folks need your help in collecting used connecting rods to be used in our trophies for Bug-A-Palüza. Our trophies are all hand made by club members and use the connecting rods as part

of the trophy. If you have any or know someone who does please collect them and give them to Herb Keedy. You can contact Herb by posting a message on the club's web site forum at www.volksfolks.org



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