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NEWS

Ritchey Edmundson's

Type II Truck...

Totally Terrific



a note from the prez...



I cannot believe that the year, 2006, is nearing a close. Here it is mid November already and I look back at the previous 10 months and wonder

where it is. I know I stayed completely busy this past summer building a water garden in the back yard but I honestly can't see how I "lost" 10 months. Wasn't it just a few days ago that it was Bug-A-Palüza 8? And wasn't it just a few days before that it was time to bring in the New Year? I guess age plays an awful trick on you from time to time. When you are in your adolescent years, time seems to stand still when you are looking forward to something like a big birthday or waiting for Santa Claus to arrive but as you start into your latter years, time reverses itself and starts to fly by. I turned 57 this past summer

and I still can't believe I'm that old. Where has the time gone?????

In a few days, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving all over our great country. In a few days after that, we will celebrate Christmas (I don't celebrate a "winter holiday") and just a few days after that celebration we will welcome in the New Year!!!! It will be time to start all over again and before we know it, April 21st and 22nd, 2007 will be staring us in the face. What is April 21st and 22nd you may ask? (for non Volks Folks members) That is the weekend of the greatest Volkswagen show east of the Mississippi River. (The folks west of the Mississippi River had better watch out, we are gaining ground) It will be time for BUG-A-PALÜZA # 9. A lot of preparation has already been done for the upcoming show. This years trophies will display powder coated rods on top thanks to one of our new sponsors, PowderWorks, Inc in Charleston, TN. Jay Newport at PowderWorks will be doing all of our connecting rods for this years event and hopefully we will retain his company as a sponsor for years (yes, I said years) to come. I have a

couple of samples already and I think everyone will be VERY impressed with the quality of work produced by PowderWorks.

We are also looking at creating a few new classes in both water cooled and air cooled arenas. A lot of work is ahead of us and we need EVERYONES help in organizing this massive event. For ALL club members, don't be a slacker this year, jump in and help!!!! There is a lot to still be done.

As always, SLOW DOWN just a little bit, take a side road and enjoy life and the view from inside a Volkswagen. *Herb*

WORD SEARCH

Hidden below are the screen names of the last 48 people to post messages on the VolksFolks forum. Numbers in parenthesis do not appear in puzzle but are part of the posters screen name.

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shoot the breeze

There Is A Season...



Frosty mornings and sit-by-a-fire evenings; hot chocolate and an even hotter hot tub; eclectic jazz in the air... I have been waiting for the fullness of fall to arrive since summer waved good-bye, got on its horse and rode off into the shimmering sunset. There are many things that make this time of year my favorite. The bugs are not there to fly into your face, the trees are nearly naked and allow the stars to shine through at night, and the chances of sweating while working outside are diminished. In fact, I can just about say that there's nothing I like better than cooler weather. I don't mind having to put on a coat to go outside. Two or three shirts combined with a thick jacket are a great combination in the colder weather. I would rather have to put on layers to keep warm than to be sweating bullets and not be able to peel back another stitch of clothing to try and cool off. You can take off just so much, then it's only skin.

I love the fall time. The turning of the leaves from green to the hues of autumn makes me realize that the end of the year is just around the corner. The future possibility of snow and the sureness of the holidays make the change of the season all the more enthralling. You can feel it in the air and in those who you come into contact with every day. You know what's coming. It's not just knowing what's around the bend...Trick-or-treating with the kids, the utter decadence of the Thanksgiving table, the splendor of Christmas, the wide-eyed expressions on the faces of the kids as they tear into their gifts, and seeing family seen way too seldom...it's more the feeling that comes with anything that is near an end. There is a beginning waiting to happen; a beginning that puts a new layer of skin on all things old.

But before all of that, there are the leaves again. No, not the cheerful reds, the sunny yellows, or the crispy oranges, although they are the sole reason that the fall is such a pretty time. I'm talking about the fluttering brown kinds that pile up against the fence in the breeze, waiting to be herded up and taken away. It's not a thing of glory, this ritualistic task of leaf-herding. Sure, it's not too bad if you are on top of it, making sure that not too many amass before you start the task. But let too much time go by and they start to mock you...laughing at you as you try

to reign them in, piling up as you try to tame them and persuade them to just go into this bin, no harm will come to you...just help me out little here. But they don't pay any attention. They just keep on fluttering around, avoiding the tines of my rake and refusing to stay in their little piles. I guess that if I had to name something that I just absolutely loathe about autumn, the act of raking leaves would be it.

It's not just me who feels this way about the change in the air; I believe. My air-cooled VWs love the cooler weather too. They just seem to run better. They don't run as hot as they do in the summer. The cooler air has a redeeming quality that they seem to latch onto and relish. The little twitter from the tailpipes sounds like they are whistling a holiday tune. They sound excited that the cooler air is here to stay for a while. They seem to love it. And why would they not love the cool air? That's what makes them happy and content. The less exertion that it takes for them to cool down their insides from the continuous miniature explosions happening in there, the better they feel.

Now, wintertime is a different story. In this area of southeastern Tennessee, we get usually get more rain than snow. The sky could be filled with billowy, grey clouds that look promising for snow, but all too often ends up turning to sleet or very cold rain. Sometimes I think that I would feel better if that

rain would just be snow, if the ground would be covered with several inches of the white stuff instead of the ground being saturated with several inches of rain. I know that the snow will melt, but at least you get the opportunity to play in it, to let your children enjoy the splendor of the "miracle" before it turns your yard into mush.

Ah, yes. Autumn and then winter...the cooler times of the year. I say again that I love it. It makes me feel giddy. But I suppose I am putting too much into this. I feel this way every year...after all, it's just another change of the season. It happens every year. What's the big deal? I think the big deal is the feelings of nostalgia...thinking back about other times; not necessarily better times, but different times nonetheless... and new beginnings awaiting to happen.

Till later, - GoBusGo!

Dates To Remember

December 1: VolksFolks Cruise-In

December 3: Ooltawah Christmas Parade 7 pm

December 18: VolksFolks Xmas Party - German Gift Exchange

January 28: Winter Volksfest;
Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, NC

February 11: Volksblast '07; Miami, FL

March 10: BKC Dyno Day;
Allspeed Imports in Peachtree City, GA

March 11: Silver Dollar Showdown;

Held at Silver Dollar Raceway in Reynolds, GA. All VW Show, swap and Drag Racing.

April 1: Fast Times at Farmington
Winston Salem, NC. race, show, swap meet.

April 15: North vs South Shootout
Marston, NC. VW show, swap and race.

April 21/22: Bug-A-Paluzza 9;
Camp Jordan Park, East Ridge, TN
<http://www.volksfolks.org>

member rides

Welcome to the family

Saturday morning, November 4th, Ritchey Edmondson and I headed out on a long journey from here to the northwest corner of Tennessee and the small town of Dresden, TN. This story began unfolding early that week when Ritchey found a double cab truck on *The Samba*. For those of you who don't know, Ritchey has been looking for a truck for about 3 years now and it looked like he may have finally found one. When he called the gentleman about the double cab, he told Ritchey he also had a single cab that was actually in better condition. We ended up going to look at the single cab. We had a journey of almost 300 miles ahead of us so needless to say, we left Chattanooga before daylight. The trip was across the state was enjoyable as we were able to see the remnants of fall color in the trees. West of Nashville, the countryside began taking on a more rural appearance. Soon we left the freeway and the countryside became even more rural. I jokingly told Ritchey if we started hearing banjos, we would immediately turn around and come back home. It was a beautiful drive and we never heard any "music!"

When we arrived at around 11 am and there sitting in front the gentleman's shop sat a pretty, little white 1967 Volkswagen single cab truck and "it" seemed to be saying, "Please take me home with you and love me". I decided as soon as I saw it, if Ritchey didn't buy it, I would somehow try to come up with the money and buy it myself.

We meet the owner, Mr. Tony Watson, and a bond of friendship was immediately established. I talked to Tony while Ritchey crawled all over the little truck and found out Tony had been into Volkswagens for years and had several friends also into the hobby. We talked about Bug-A-Palüza and he had no idea why he had never been to

our show. He had a computer on his desk in the shop so he went to VolksFolks.org and took a look at us while I looked at the truck some with Ritchey. I went back in the shop a little later and he had looked at our web site. He said he was very impressed.

I then approached him with our need for connecting rods. He said he would gather us all he had and get rods from his friends also. Hopefully, we have found a new source for rods to top off our beloved trophies. We spent a lot more time at Tony Watson's shop than we had intended to but that's what happens, more often than not, in the Volkswagen community. Not only did Ritchey buy a new, old truck but we made a new friend in the process.

What about the truck you ask? The truck

is a 1967 single cab with a double door "treasure chest". For those of you who don't know what the "treasure chest" is it's that compartment behind the cab under the truck bed and this one has an access door on both sides of the truck. Kind of rare to find one with double doors. Aluminum diamond plate has been put on the bed floor which adds a nice touch. There is very little rust in the truck for it to be 40 years young. Yes, there is some minor rust but nothing serious. Tony put a fresh battery in the truck and Ritchey got in and the engine started right up. It was running rough at idle but I quickly found the gremlin causing that - a vacuum hose going to the distributor was loose. The line is old and won't stay



on so a new one is in order here. Minor. We took off down the road and the truck has what seems to be a very strong engine and tranny. It runs good and shifts great. As most of you know, brakes are a weak area for older Volkswagens and I told Ritchey to try them before we went too far. I still can't believe how GOOD the brakes are on this truck. We went a couple of miles and I told Ritchey to pull over; **I couldn't stand it any longer! I had to drive this truck!** He pulled over and we swapped positions with me taking over the wheel. It has been a long time, as most of you know, since I have driven a split window Type II. I started thinking I had died and I was already in heaven. What a feeling. If you've never driven a 67 or older split window truck or bus you just haven't lived. **They are great!** I drove us back to Tony's shop and Ritchey made the deal to buy "it". I, personally couldn't wait to load this piece of precious metal on the tow dolly and head for Chattanooga. I didn't want to give Tony the chance to change his mind about selling. The little truck was loaded; we said our good-byes and headed for home.

The trip back to Chattanooga was filled with excitement and conversation about Ritchey's new truck and my old bus, Lucille. Lucille has been sitting **way too long** and now I think I have the inspiration, after driving this split window truck, to get back to work on her and get her back on the road. I believe Ritchey summed it up best as we were talking about finishing my beloved bus with a quote from a famous American, **"Get 'er done"**. Look for Lucille to be up and running in a neighborhood near you soon. Congratulations to Ritchey on his new, old, split window, single cab truck!

-Herby Keedy

volkswagen in the news

Cement bugs to future bugs...

Woman sacrifices car for World Series tickets

By Santiago Esparza

Crystal Bush watched with mixed emotions this morning as thousands of pounds of concrete mix was poured into her classic '71 Volkswagen Beetle, causing windows to shatter, tires to explode and doors to rupture.

She was sad to see her beloved car be destroyed but happy that the stunt landed her two tickets to Game 6 of the World Series, if the series goes that long. The St. Louis Cardinals are up 2-1 in the best of seven series with two more games left in St. Louis.

Bush, a 23-year-old Commerce Township resident, today won a contest sponsored by the WKQI (95.5 FM) Mojo in the Morning show. She and 11 others brought their vehicles to a cement mix company in Novi about 8 a.m. for the competition that netted her two seats in row 25 of Section 110.

Bush will not be going to the game and instead will send her father and boyfriend.

"It's okay," Bush said. "In 1984 I went to a (series) game. I was one year old."

Bush this morning said she already misses her car, but is due to purchase a 1990 Dodge Shadow in a week or two.

"I have pictures and I have my memories," she said of the car, which will be junked. "It is definitely one big paperweight."

Spike, an on-air personality, said more than 40 people signed up for the promotion and a dozen were told to show up this morning to make sure their autos were in good working order and not heaps one step away from the junk yard.

The station asked listeners to bring in autos to be crushed to win Detroit Pistons tickets during last season's playoff run, Spike said.

Crafter 'bus' just the ticket

That's crafty...Volkswagen's new concept, the Atacama, is a four-wheel-drive version of the firm's new Crafter van - but rather than carrying boxes and pallets, it will take up to six passengers, and still has room for their luggage.

Powered by a 2.5-litre TDI diesel engine, the six-speed Atacama - which was unveiled at the recent Frankfurt Truck Show - develops around 160bhp. It features a bold aluminium grille, sporty side vents and stylish C-shaped rear side windows. There's even a metal ladder at the rear to help owners access the roof, where they will find an integrated storage box for any additional items that won't fit inside.

The van has huge 20-inch alloys and chunky all-terrain tyres.

Rugged plastic panels below the waistline protect the paint work when the going gets rough. It's possible some of the features could appear through VW's 'Individual Programme', which allows buyers to custom-spec their new top-end motors.

The van-based machine is named after a large Chilean desert that runs from the Pacific Ocean to the Andes mountains. It was designed at the firm's headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany.

"This shows further potential for the Crafter," said a spokesman. "If the reaction is positive, we will build up

to 100 cars." Don't hold your breath, though - VW's last wild minibus-style concept was the Microbus, and that never saw the light of day.

50 More Years: Volkswagen Beetle 2054

(Found on jalopnik.com)

What's life going to be like in 50 years? We're figuring on a Sino-centric version of "Blade Runner," with Replicants built by the People's Republic of Toyota. For transporta-



Futuristic dreaming: The artists' rendering of a Volkswagen Beetle, circa 2054.

tion, however; let's turn to Venezuelan designer Carlos Agell, who dreams of electric VW Beetles. Agell mocked up what a Volkswagen Beetle from 2054 might look like, complete with liquid-metal body for shape shifting and laser gyro-stabilization system for accident avoidance. No word on whether it'll be built domestically or outsourced to an off-colony to cut costs.

— Mike Spinelli



Crystal Bush's 1971 VW Beetle is filled with concrete mix at Wixom Ready Mix Cement in Novi.



Volkswagen's newly redesigned Scirocco will make its debut in 2008.

tech talk

Give it the Boot

I discussed this project on the forum a couple of years ago and I still see some confusion as how to install a new axle boot kit on a swing axle Type I & II.

This is how I like to do it. Before you jack the car up or put it on a lift, find a flat piece of metal or a "crowsfoot" that's about 1/2" thick. Roll the car with someone sitting on the rear bumper or standing in the door to weigh the car down so you can slip the "crowsfoot" or metal piece between the spring plate and bottom stop on the frame. When you jack or raise the car up (please use jack stands, I don't want to read about you) the axle will remain reasonably level and not hanging down at an angle. Remove what's left of the old axle boot by any means that works for you, side cutters, snips, etc.. Clean the area where the boot clamps down around the transmission side cover and axle tube. BUY HIGH QUALITY BOOTS WITH SCREW CLAMPS. I like to assemble the new boot out and away from the tranny just to make it a little easier to install little screws/nuts. I use a really thick

sealer, like Permatex along the split in the new boot, then install the screws and nuts. You can tighten them all down, but not over tighten to where the washers "squish" into the boot surface. They won't fall off.

You can screw the clamps just to get them started together and let them hang until you are ready to install. Coat the inside area on the new boot that slips on the side cover flange with a good coating of sealer. Push the new boot on the flange. This is where the confusion starts. Where to aim the split - 12:00, 9:00, 3:00? I have seen them at every position of the clock, and if you want the boot to die an early death, put the split at 12:00. Install the screw clamp with the screwdriver slot facing down and over the split in the boot. Look at it this way: Lay a 2x4 on edge, stand on one end and try to bend it up. Hard to do. Now lay the 2x4 flat and you will see that you can lift one end up. The thickest part of the boot is the area where the row of little screws are and would be difficult to bend up at the 12:00 position without having the boot rip or come off the

flange on the opposite side.

I think the last issue of HotVW's shows a guy telling you to aim the split up because it will leak if you don't. If you have a good boot kit and sealer, they won't leak. I haven't lost one yet! I put the split at 9:00 and clamp them down. Top off the fluid and DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE THE "CROWSFOOT" OR METAL BAR FROM THE SPRING PLATE.

The only problem you will have will be trying to make your Type II squat down to keep the axle level. Next to impossible unless you have a ton of extra bricks you can load. A little harder, but it can be done. Good luck!!!

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volkswagen shows

VolksFolks Fall Campout

The Scenic City Volks Folks had their annual fall campout at Harrison Bay State Park this past October. Several members including the Keedy's, Damron's, Henderson's, and Gloria and Justin Quillen arrived Friday afternoon and set up camp. As the sun went down the temperatures started to drop rapidly. One could say it got just down right cold on Friday night. Thank goodness for plenty of fire wood and a few good heaters. Dee and I had good heat in the bus until about 4:30am when the propane ran out. Saturday morning was very brisk to be mild about it but it warmed up fairly quick after the sun got up. Saturday was spent just doing nothing. We had a few more campers arrive Saturday afternoon to include Kyle, Scott Swafford and his son along with a visitor at October's meeting, Joan Duncan up from Mentone, AL. We all sat around the fire again Saturday night and had a real good time just talking and joking. The evening went by too quick and it was time for bed. It wasn't near as cold as it was the night before.

Sunday saw us waking up to a beautiful day and as the day progressed, Zen and Joy with Franny made it to the campground

along with Cindy and Lamar. Alan Humphrey arrived with our club trailer and it wasn't long before there was smoke coming from the shiny chrome smoke stack welded on the top of the grill. The hamburgers and hot dogs went on and we got down to the seri-

ous business of having a picnic. Boy was the food delicious!!!!

This was our third campout as a club only function and Harrison Bay State Park proved to be a very nice place to have an outing. The camp personnel (park rangers) were very nice and one of the rangers was fed some of Dee's homemade chili Friday night. We really enjoyed ourselves and just wish more Volks Folks had been able to make it to this event. There were quite a few pictures taken but I haven't seen any of them as yet. Rumor has it one

of the campers wore a dead animal on his head most of the weekend and some interesting shots were made as he put out the campfire before we vacated the park. Who has these pictures? Ha!

-Herby Keedy



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



It makes your house look bigger.

Cars are getting to be bigger, as houses are getting to look smaller. But one little Volkswagen can put everything back in its proper perspective. A VW parked in front does big things for your house, and gives garage, to say nothing of small parking spots and narrow streets. On the other hand, a VW does make some things smaller. Gas bills, for instance. (At 32 mpg, they'll probably be half what you pay now.) You'll probably never add oil between changes. You'll probably never need antiseize. They go 40,000 miles. And even insurance costs less. One thing you'd think might be smaller in a Volkswagen is the inside. But there's as much legroom in front of a VW as there is in the biggest car. When you think about it, you really have only two choices. You can buy a bigger house for who knows how much. Or a Volkswagen for \$1,995.*

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