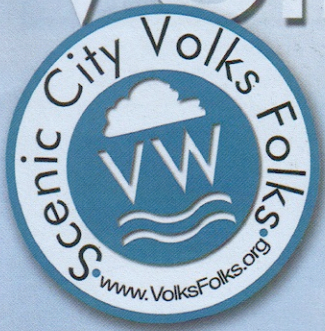
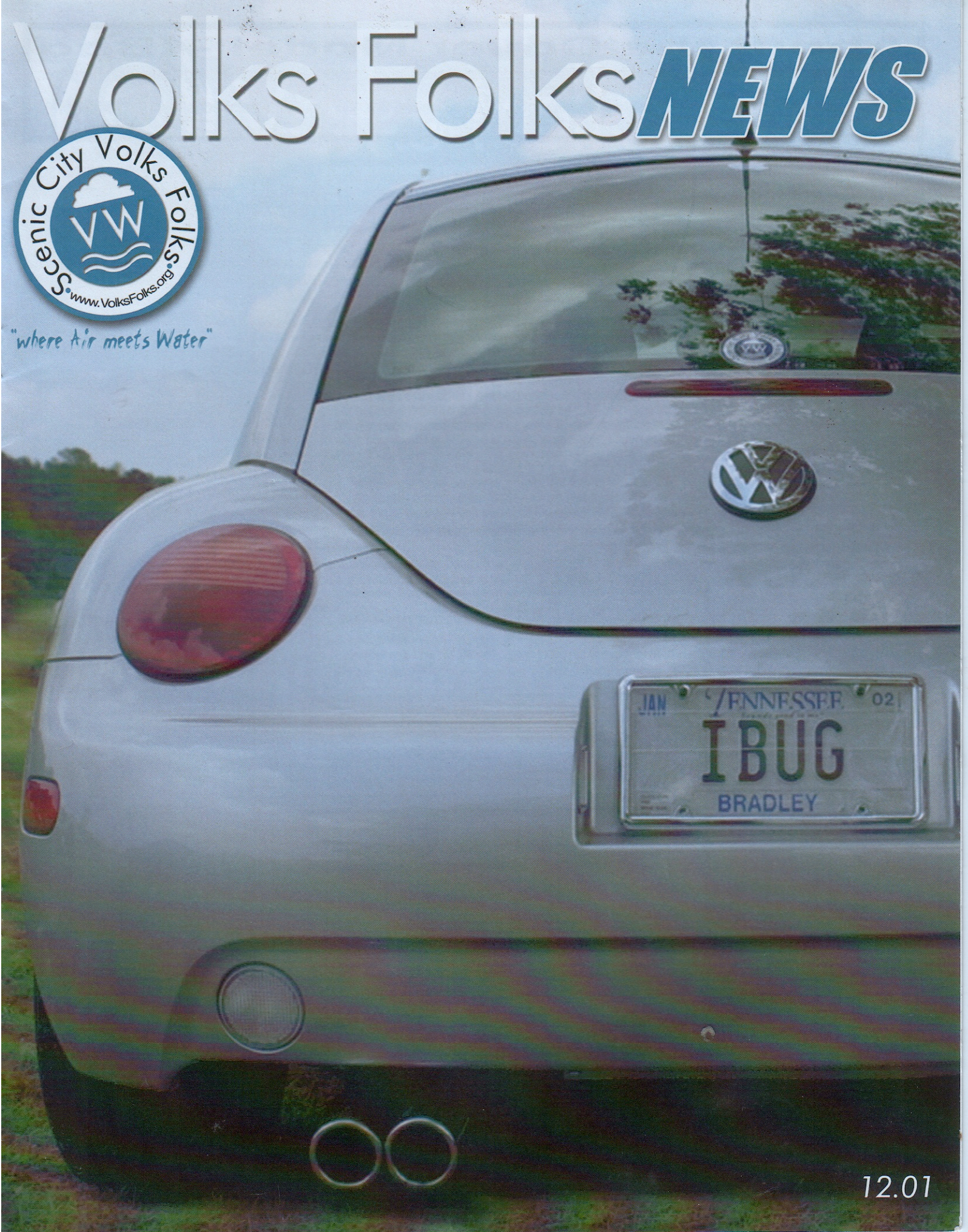


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About the Cover Model - iBug

iBug is operated by Perk Evans of Cleveland Tennessee. Adopted in November of 2000, iBug is celebrating 1 year with his driver.

iBug is a 2001 (millenium bug) New Beetle GLX Turbo.

Some of his Mods are: stainless exhaust tips, metallic tint, 17" VW wheels, 6 disc VW changer, ventshades, front-end cover(bra), stainless valve tips w/VW logo & a turbo badge on his butt.

Air-Cooled VW Owners Credo

(Raise your right hand and repeat after me)

I am a Volkswagen owner and solomly swear to:

- Make sure that valves are adjusted by myself each and every 3000 miles or 3 months whichever comes first
- Change the oil, myself, every 3000 miles or every 3 months whichever comes first
- I will occasionally thumb my nose at the various 'quickie' oil/lube places when I pass them by
- Never lug or race the engine on uphill or downhills.
- Lay awake at night thinking about what that noise was when I drove home from work today
- Always include something about VWs in almost every conversation with my SO [Significant Other].
- Take the ribbing, cussing and screaming that my SO gives me for the previously mentioned act.
- For at least 30 minutes a week I will lay on my back underneath my VW talking to it and myself and contemplate future maintenance and modification for it.
- Make sure that my greasy garage cloths are kept separate from the rest of the laundry.
- Have at least 3 manuals devoted to my VWs model year.
- Keep my greasy 'mitts' off of my SO's clean towels.
- Be damn sure to wear my 'car working' clothes and not my good ones when I proceed to do any work on my car.
- I will keep a set of 'car working' clothes or coveralls in my VW at all times for emergency repair work.
- I will keep a tube or tub of hand cleaner in my VW at all times.
- That the top ten items on my Christmas/BirthdayAnniversary list are VW related.
- Make sure that any gifts I buy my SO are not VW related.
- At least 3 of my shirts and hats have some kind of VW emblem on them.
- I know all of the VW FLAPS [Friendly Local Auto Parts Store] in town and have memorized all of their phone numbers.
- Own a torque wrench and understand how to use it.
- Keep a record book of my VWs maintenance history
- Show that record book to everyone that comes over as if were pictures of a brand new baby
- Explain to my SO that my VW is my baby
- Learn to recite in your head your VWs entire maintenance schedule so you can do it while brushing your teeth.
- Know that there is no such thing as 'borrowing oil'
- Know exactly how many miles you have left to drive before you run out of gas.
- Have all the necessary parts and tools ready for when you break down.
- Know all the phone numbers you need to call if you can't fix it.
- Learn how to sleep in my VW.
- Learn how to push my VW.
- Learn how to drive my VW with a broken clutch cable.
- Learn to keep a spare clutch cable in my VW.
- Make sure the top 5 numbers on all my phone lists are VW related.
- My desk at work has VW related items on it.
- Make sure that when anyone at my work has a problem with their VW, I am the first person they call.
- Be the only one to add or take any fluids to or from my VW.
- And finally, understand that I am a VW nut and not everyone can comprehend this... ability... and cannot understand why I eat, drink, breath, stink and sleep Volkswagens. I can only accept that I do and therefore, will act and behave accordingly..

So help me [insert your deity here]

(You may now lower your right hand :)

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
AND ON THE WALL PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBERING THOUGHT CAME TO MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, SO DARK AND SO DREARY,
THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, NOW I COULD SEE CLEARLY

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED THEIR
LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY, AND
GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DONT CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DONT ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS: MY GOD, MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS"

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND SOON DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL,
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD EVENINGS CHILL

I DIDNT WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND
PURE, WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, ITS CHRISTMAS DAY,
ALL IS SECURE"

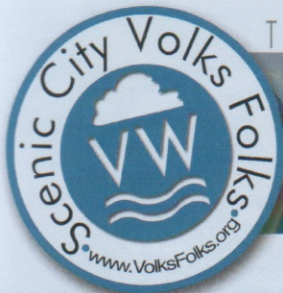
ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT

"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND.

AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT"

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The Prez Says

Wisdom from our Chief Executive
Travis Barefoot
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VW Hippie Van
(sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

*Transaxle grinds; are you listening?
Beneath my Bus, the oil is glistening.
Feeling all right,
Do you need a ride?
Driving my VW hippie van.*

*Beneath my wheels the road is turning
In the rear the gears are churning.
Speed...65,
I'm feeling alive,
Driving my VW hippie van.*

*In my Westy, people, they say, "Go, man!"
When I'm driving all about the town.
They'll say, "Aren't you worried?"
I'll say, "No, man!
I think that I'm prepared if I break down."*

*With tool box and spare tire
I just hope I don't catch fire.
Spare parts in the back,
Cash and a jack,
Driving my VW hippie van.*

Ok, so my songwriting days are numbered. I just felt the Christmas spirit creep up on me, tap me on the shoulder and yell, "BOO!" and so I thought up the above ditty. What would you have done?

Christmas time is here again, and with it comes the joy of giving. What is coming up that we can do as a club? Well, for the 17th year, Channel Three Eyewitness News will host the Channel 3 **Share Your Christmas** food drive for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. On Wednesday, December 12, Channel Three Eyewitness News anchors and reporters will be down at Ross' Landing in Downtown Chattanooga. They'll be broadcasting live from 5 a.m. through 6:30 p.m. The plan is to be there with our contributions before they finish! Keep in tune with www.volksfolks.org for more information on this event. And by the way, Merry Christmas!

The Prez <gobusgo@VolksFolks.org>

Just Some Stuff You Should Know...

Editor's Note

Russ Jackson <juliet@VolksFolks.org>

When one owns a VW, there is a feature you may find that's not listed in the owner's manual or the sales brochure. This feature comes free with your vehicle and you won't get it with any other car except for Volkswagen. What is it? You gain the instant camaraderie of all other VW owners out on the road. Whenever I drive mine, I always honk/wave/flash any Volkswagen I happen to pass along the way. Most others do the same for me, too - they just "get it". There's just something about driving a Volkswagen that's different from other cars out there I guess. Whenever I get behind the wheel of my bus I feel connected to the road in a way I'm sure few others ever experience - I actually drive instead of just steer. And it doesn't bother me to be dusted by a 5.0 at a stop light, nor do I get upset after being passed by an overgrown Dodge 4x4 going ten times faster than what he should be. Instead I just smile, realizing I have something they don't style. True, there are cars out there faster, more powerful, better insulated, but I'm more than pleased to be driving my VW, and I know I'm not the only one. So the next time you're tooling down the road, signal to your other fellow Volkswagen drivers, even if they're in a EuroVan or similar water-cooled transport. They'll appreciate it because they get it too, and if they don't then at the very least you can make a yuppie soccer mom uneasy and nervous.

December Meeting

Our next club meeting will be December 17th, 7:00pm, at Wally's Restaurant. This will be our Christmas Party, complete with "Chinese Auction" gift swap.

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Santa iBug

New Members

Welcome to our newest VolksFolks:
David Harmon - Niota, TN
Katy

Our Meetings

We meet at 7:00pm on the Third Monday of each month at Wally's Restaurant



on Ringgold Road. Wally's is located just west off I-75.
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- We support the Chattanooga Food Bank.
- We would like for everyone attending a VolksFolks meeting to bring in two cans of food to donate to the food bank.

So grab a couple cans off your shelf and come out to meet and talk with other VW enthusiasts from all over the Tennessee Valley area!



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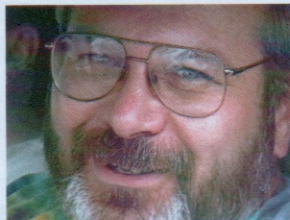
Volkswagen 101

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My Excellent VW Adventure has been particularly eventful this past month. I can't even start to write about all of it. Some of it I just won't write about and if someone else does, I'll deny it!

If you don't know me that well you might not

know that I've never driven any Volkswagens but Beetles. Yes, I've owned a couple of Karmann Ghias (a 64 and 72), a 67 Deluxe Microbus, a 73 Transporter, and



a Manx style dune buggy, but I never drove any of these. Well, I did drive the dune buggy around the parking lot of the church behind my house once, but that's about it. I gave the 72 Ghia away and traded the 64 for a 40-horse engine for my 63 Bug. The 67 Bus will not be on the road until sometime after I win the lottery. The 73 Transporter turned out to be more work than I wanted to get in to, so sold it to a friend for what I paid for it. The Manx is an on going project (that has gone pretty much nowhere over the last two years). So, that just leaves the bugs... lots of bugs. I've driven them all over Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and parts of North Carolina. I couldn't start to add up the miles or even count the bugs I've logged those miles in, but I can tell you that after about 200 miles, NO bug is comfortable for someone pushing 300 pounds! Then, there is the problem with storage space... long trips require taking stuff with you. OK, I've gotten around the storage issue by pulling a single wheel trailer behind the convertible and using a roof rack on everything else. But the limited space behind the wheel and between the door can still get uncomfortable for a big guy like me after several hours. Hmm... what can I do about this situation? Florida Bug Jam is coming up, it's 600 miles away, and I hear they have THE swap meet in the southeast. If I could only take a bug and make it bigger... more room for the driver, more room for passengers, and LOTS more room for the neat stuff I'm going to pick up at the swap meet. Wait, that's why VW made a bus! And this guy I work with wants to sell his 73 bus for \$400! My first drive in a

Non-Beetle VW was driving this bus from Bonnie Oaks Drive back to LaFayette. It has an oil leak and is overheating a little, and I really don't like the rear mount adapter that bolts to the oil pump, so I decide I'll build another engine and then swap them out. This bus is not your typical '73 bus, it was converted to a type 1 engine a few years back. By the way, this is the same 73 that I owned a few years ago, but it had the remains of the original type 4 engine in it at that time.

So, now I've got a bus and a plan. I've got three months to build an engine, swap it out, test the bus out and fix any problems, then hit the road to Bug Jam. Plan B... I've got 3 WEEKS and I haven't got the money to build an engine and I really don't want to drive to Dade City sitting on those broken springs in the Super Beetle. OK, the Baja's engine has a good bottom end (great oil pressure and near perfect end play), but the top end is shot and it's burning and leaking oil like crazy. The engine in the bus has nearly new heads. I've got this nearly new piston/cylinder set I picked up at a swap meet for \$30. Add a \$15 gasket set and I'm in business!

I removed both engines stripped them down, carried the parts I was going to use for my "new" engine to my trusty work bench (I don't know why Joy insist on calling it a picnic table). Working in the evenings and what time I could find on the weekends I got the engine ready to go back in the Sunday before Bug Jam. Let the fun begin!

First of course I had to get the engine off the bench, across the yard and back in the bus. The following is as much as I'm going to admit to! I'm sure that some other club members can fill you in on any further details you would like to know! So, with that said, here is my top ten things to do or not do when installing a 1600 single port engine in a 73 bus:

- 1) Don't sit a complete turn-key engine on a Rubbermaid wheelbarrow and try to move it across the yard by yourself if you're wearing shorts. Shin guards might come in handy too.
- 2) Don't attempt this if your "floor jack" cost 1999 (but wait, that's not all, it came with a set of jack stands at no extra charge).
- 3) If you have to do this outside, pick a level spot of ground.
- 4) If you're using a piece of plywood to roll your "floor jack" around on, make sure it's big enough for the jack to fit on.
- 5) If there is a large tree root sticking up 3 inches above the ground in your driveway, try not to position your bus directly over it.
- 6) Yes, you do need help! I don't care how many engines you've put in a bug by yourself.
- 7) Unless you're Ray Charles, you probably need to do this during daylight hours or at least have TWO flashlights.
- 8) I don't care what you could bench press back in high school. If you haven't lifted weights in 24 years, DO NOT lay with your head under the engine and your feet stretched out towards the front of the bus, and say "if y'all can pick up the back end, I'll get this end and we'll just slide it in. Forget the jack!"
- 9) If you do #8, make sure the person operating the jack knows how to close off the valve and start



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Road Rules

A Dodge Viper passed me today. It passed me on a double line in a 35-mph zone. It waited until the car ahead of me had made it's right-hand turn, then whipped around me and sped off seconds after I had turned on my '78 Bus' blinker to turn left. The guy couldn't wait a few seconds longer for me to be out of his way...there must have been a fire somewhere, I guess. If I had been turning right, it would have been a different story, but I was turning left, for crying out loud! The whole act of being passed was in itself not too much of an irritant. Well, maybe the way that several road rules were broken in the act might have made me a little irritated. But as I have said before, it almost makes me feel good to be passed by someone who is in

much more of a hurry than I am. It reminds me of what I am driving. I am driving what I love.

Some people, in their haste, seem to lose the sense of concern for others on the road. They either don't care or are just not looking. Either way it seems like a waste of time to try and save some time by driving like an idiot, disregarding rules and the safety of others and themselves. I'm not trying to lecture to anyone on the hazards of unsafe driving, speeding, improper lane changes, etc...I'm more or less just trying to make people aware of idiot drivers. I think it was the comedian Gallagher that once said, "Instead of police issuing tickets to idiot drivers, everyone should be issued those toy guns with the suction-cup bullets with flags on them that said "IDIOT". If a policeman should see any car with more than three IDIOT flags, they should immediately pull the car over!" Too bad it's not

as simple as that.

People seem to be following the 20 new rules of the highway I have just become aware of. Consider them the new code for road travel...

1. Turn signals will give away your next move. A real driver never uses them.
2. Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, or the space will be filled in by somebody else putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
3. Crossing two or more lanes in a single lane-change is considered going with the flow.
4. Remember that the goal of every driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.
5. Never, ever come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and it will inevitably result in you being rear-ended. If you want your insurance company to pay for a new rear bumper, come to a complete stop at all stop signs.
6. Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to scare people entering the highway.
7. Speed limits are arbitrary figures, given only as suggestions and are apparently not enforceable during rush hour.

Shoot the Breeze

with: **Travis Barefoot**

8. A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right as you sit in the left lane waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting the orange construction barrels.

9. It is traditional to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes.

10. The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance you have of getting hit.

11. Red lights are to be taken as an advisory. For safety's sake, don't forget to look both ways when traversing the intersection.

12. The largest and/or fastest vehicle always has the right of way. The pickup truck with the gun rack and the bumper sticker saying, "Guns don't kill people. I do," ALWAYS has the right of way.

13. When you encounter a tailgater quickly stab the brake pedal with your left foot (while keeping your right on the gas) so as to notify him that you are aware of his presence. He will appreciate your concern for him.

14. If the traffic should come to a stop all of a sudden, make a mad dash to the nearest off ramp so as not to contribute to the jam up.

15. If the traffic is backed up on the freeway, drive your pickup across the grass/ ditch/ ravine next to the highway to get onto the access road - the steeper the grade which must be driven over, the better. +3 points if you have to shift into 4WD. +2 points if you have to squeeze through a break in a fence put up to keep people from illegally exiting the freeway at non-exits.

16. If a dump truck is parked on the shoulder, hit your brakes hard and slow to 40 mph on the highway. If a state trooper is parked there, out of his car, writing a ticket, slow to 30 mph. State troopers are very fast on foot and will chase your car and clamp on to the bumper.

17. If the pavement has been scarred in preparation for re-paving, slow to 35mph. Driving faster on this pavement will shred your tires in minutes.

18. If it is snowing hard and you can't see the lane lines, keep driving at the prevailing 70-75mph. Your car can "feel" the lines through the snow pack that way. If you have an SUV, add 10 mph because they have 4-wheel drive and can't spin out.

19. You don't have to yield for a blind person, because they can't see your license plate number.

20. When being passed don't make eye contact unless you have already re-loaded.

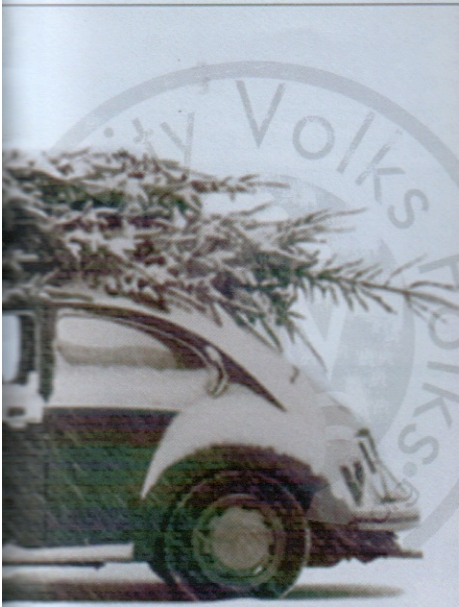
If you follow all of these rules to the best of your ability...make sure you stay away from me out there on the road. I, for one, would rather take my time and watch out for others, as well as myself, and be safe in my beloved VWs. I know that some people consider their cars just a means of transportation, but like most VW owners, it is known that your VW is more than that and should be treated accordingly. Some people may call me a lawbreaker for not following these new rules...so be it. Take me away, boys!

Till later,
Travis
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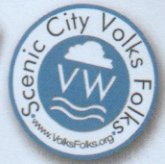
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jacking REALLY QUICK!

10) Before you lay on your back and mule kick the muffler to push the engine back that last inch and a half, make sure the clutch splines are lined up.

By the way, Thanks to Travis, Perk, Herb and Eric, I lived to laugh about this! Thanks guys! Now, the engine is "in" but nothing is bolted down or hooked up. But it's late so we called it a night... a Wednesday night... and the caravan pulls out early Friday morning!

Thursday morning I find out for sure that Joy can't get Friday off, so we will miss the caravan and go down ALONE Friday evening. At least I'm going to have all day Friday to get everything finished up and get test drive it. Now it's Friday afternoon... nothing has gone together like I had planned... Joy will be off in an hour and the bus hasn't been fired up yet. Finally, it's ready and I hit the switch... it fires up right off the bat, but there is something terribly wrong! The fan is dragging on the blower housing... the alternator is not tight... WHY did I put the strap on like that? I can hardly get to the bolt to tighten it down some more! Joy pulls up in the driveway expecting to run in and pack and hit the road... I'm starting to feel those Super Beetle seat springs poking in me for a 600 mile drive and I'm going into my panic mode! Finally, the alternator is positioned and tightened so that the high pitched squeal is gone.

.. Joy's ready to start throwing stuff in the bus... but it's been sitting idle in the yard for 3 months... around here that's the definition of a storage building. OK, the Baja doesn't have an engine now... NEW storage building! Yes, it all fit! I don't know if it will come back out, but we got a busload of stuff in it! OK, it's almost 9 PM on Friday. If we leave now and drive straight to Tampa we can get to the Bus Show about the time it starts Saturday morning... No way, I gotta get some sleep. We'll leave early in the morning.

Will we make it to Florida Bug Jam? Or, more importantly, will we make it BACK? Tune in again next month to find out.

Until then, may all your VW Adventures be Excellent!

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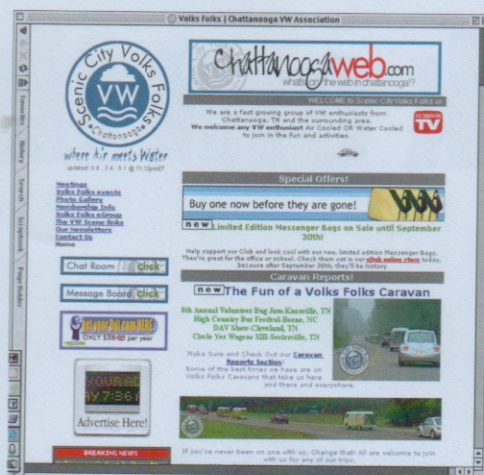
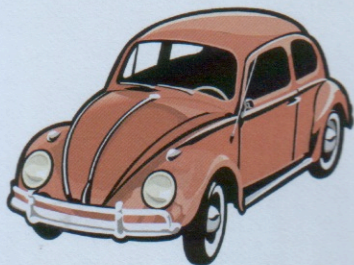
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left in minor pain after a run in with one of the resident wasps in a vehicle where I was looking for "treasure." He won the battle but I won the war.
 Alan is also a member of a rock band "XIII" along with his son, Kevin who is now just 14 yrs old but plays a guitar like some players much older. The young man is very talented. Their group was a highlight at Bug-A-Paluzza 3 and will also play at Bug-A-Paluzza 4.

The Charles clan consists of Alan, his lovely wife Kathy, son Kevin, daughter Kristen (a rising beauty queen) and last but not least is son, Kasey who is just Kasey and ALL boy. Kasey has not found his spot yet but I would be willing to bet it will have something to do with Volkswagens.

Alan also does major machine work in his shop with the ability to line bore blocks, major head work, etc. Alan is very knowledgeable and doesn't mind at all sharing his knowledge.

Alan can be reached at the Bug Barn at (256)796-1439. There is an answering machine on this phone so be sure and leave a message if Alan or Kathy doesn't answer.

The Bug Barn may not have just exactly what you want or need but the drive from Chattanooga to Joppa alone is worth the trip. Take I-24 to South Pittsburg and turn south on Hwy 72. Follow that to where Hwy 279 turns south in Scottsboro. Hwy 279 will run in to Hwy 79 which you will follow to where Hwy 69 turns right in Guntersville, Ala. Stay on Hwy 69 thru Joppa to Hwy 67 and turn right. Approximately 1 mile after your turn onto Hwy 67, The Bug Barn will be on your left.

Alan and Kathy are true friends of the Scenic City Volks Folks so lets support them.

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Blatant Plugs

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Subject: Where VWs go when they die

The Bug Barn in Joppa, Alabama is not a new name to the Scenic City Volks Folks. Members of our club have been acquainted with Alan Charles for several years now, which for me, began with our first "Show and Shine" show which was held at the Volkswagen dealership here in Chattanooga.

Alan Charles started the "VW Junk Yard" in 1990 with the help of his father Mr. James Charles and his wife Kathy. For those of us who are lovers of our vintage Volkswagens The Bug Barn is a virtual "heaven". The "grave yard" is "home" to a couple of hundred (at least) VWs which ranges from Bugs to Busses to Things to Ghia.s. There are approximately 20-25 acres of our wonderful little cars sitting and stacked in Alan's "back yard" in various states of disrepair which contain what are sometimes "much needed parts" for our own projects.

September 22, 2001 marked a Scenic City Volks Folks trip to Joppa, Ala and The Bug Barn for the primary purpose of "helping a friend". Alan and his wife Kathy endured an extremely long summer dealing with severe illness within Alan's family along with Kathy and Alan buying and moving into a new home located at the business. As a result, attention had not been given to the junk yard as far as trying to keep the weeds and briars cut away from the parts cars. Soooooo, armed with weed eaters and cans of wasp spray several of us waded in and did some major cut down and clean up for Alan in the junk yard. Our efforts were rewarded with lunch consisting of chicken fingers and fries from a local "general store" that were absolutely delicious. Alan also rewarded the parts lookers with parts at a VERY reduced price. We all left that day with warm, fuzzy feelings cause we had truly helped one of our own. One of us, though,

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