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a new hierarchy...

As you may or may not know, the club has taken on a few changes the last few months. Former President, Herb Keedy, has stepped down and we, Kyle and Betty, have stepped into his position. Zen Hendricks, the former Vice President, has taken over the Show Chairman position and Randy Schneck has stepped up to be Vice President. Lamar and Cindy Lewis retain their position as Treasurers and Misty Henderson as Secretary. Now, we are sure you will agree with us that it doesn't matter what title you add to someone's name, they will still put in the same hard work to make the club it's best. Also, one title isn't any better than another. Each one of us is as important as the next. In fact, the most important title is the club member because you can have a club without a President but you cannot have a club without members. Collectively, we make the best club in the Southeast, maybe the best anywhere. Enough of this sappy stuff and let's get on to business. Bug-A-Palūza 9 is quickly approaching and we need to buckle down and get to work. We have less than 2

months to get a lot of work done. Although, a lot of work has been done, and thank you to all that has contributed so far, there is a lot more work to do. We need each and every one of our members to pitch in to make this the biggest and best show ever. We need stuff for goody bags and volunteers to help with the trophies and other things. We have enough rods for this year, but we could always use more. We will be posting, on the forums, times when we will be working on the trophies. Also, we will be posting progress information as we have it. If you have no access to the web and want to volunteer, make a suggestion, or give your opinion you can call Kyle anytime 423-421-9406. There will be a few changes with the show also. We have the parking lot and field this year, so the show cars and vendors will be on the pavement and the campers in the field. Kyle is making a stage from our old flatbed trailer so it will be portable. Another difference this year is that Ronald McDonald House Friends will be our volunteer work force. They will oversee concessions and man the

spectator gates. So, you see, although the club has made a lot of changes this year, they are not necessarily bad. We will do our best to make this club everything you want in a club. Until next time...



Team Prez

WORD SEARCH

The lovable Volkswagen Beetle is called many different names throughout the world. Hidden below are the names the beetle is called in many other languages, including Serbian, Romanian, Portuguese and Finnish as well as in English and many more. Enjoy!

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shoot the breeze

Here Comes Stupid

AAA estimates that 38.3 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home on holidays. That's a lot of cars on the roads. And with more cars on the roads, the stupid things stupid people do will increase as well.

Most travelers will likely be taking to the interstates. I get on those roads myself I try my best to stay away from the morons on the road. You know who they are. They are the ones who refuse to use a turn signal, pull out in front of you (unsafely), tailgate you at unsafe speeds, and otherwise just do a variety of other rage invoking acts of stupidity. When they do stupid things like that while I am in a 'modern' vehicle, it's bad, but it's worse while I'm driving one of my 'vintage' vehicles, especially one of my Buses.

Take the not-so-modern vehicular feature that is called a 'turn signal'. Turn signals first appeared on cars around 1939 and were more widely offered on vehicles starting in the '40s. Since they have been around for so long, you'd think that their use would be ingrained in people's minds. I mean, mankind has had over 60 years of turn signal knowledge taught to them over and over. You would think that a newborn child would have it embedded into their DNA. But no, people still refuse to use their turn signals, especially when it really matters the most. I can't tell you how many times that geniuses in their cars directly in front of me come to an abrupt halt without any warning or indication of what they are about to do, then turn onto a side road. Usually, I go ahead and turn my turn signal on, just as a courtesy to the people behind me...and secretly hope that the person ahead of me sees me do it too.

Just because I'm in a VW Bus, people

tend to think that they can pull out in front of me like I wasn't even there. Sure, I'm in a historically known slow and lumbering beast...but it's not as slow and lumbering as they think. The time and distance it takes for me to slow down or come to a stop is greater than, say, a Honda CRX. There are many factors that determine how long it takes to avoid a potential dangerous situation in the road. On the average, a vehicle traveling at 60mph covers about 88 feet per second. But stopping the same vehicle takes more than 4.5 seconds and covers a distance of about 271 feet. Of course, this time and distance is determined by variables such as perception time (realizing there is a danger), reaction time (reacting to that realization), weight of the vehicle, and road conditions. While I'm in my Bus, I don't pull out in front of people either; because my takeoff time is slower than the average car. I tend to err on the side of caution.

One of the stickers on the back of both of my Buses reads "Never get behind a VW Bus". Another says "0-60 in 8 Minutes". You would think that would be warning enough. But no, people still ride my rear as if their close proximity to my hind end will make my Bus magically go faster. There is a safe distance that one should put between themselves and the vehicle ahead of them. How close is 'too close' when determining the distance between you and the car ahead of you? Most experts tell you to remember the 3-



second rule. When the vehicle ahead of you passes a certain point, such as a sign, count "one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three." This takes about 3 seconds. If you pass that certain point before you finish counting, you are following too closely. In a Bus, I would suggest at least a 4 second distance...maybe even 5. I heard this neat story about this guy in his bus who was being tailgated by some jerk in a Corvette. A Bus sits up off the ground a bit. A Corvette doesn't. The driver of the Bus saw the discarded muffler in the road ahead. The Corvette didn't. The Bus cleared the muffler. The Corvette didn't.

You must be vigilant in identifying these morons and steadfast in your ways to avoid them. They are most likely not looking out for you. I look at it this way: I really don't care about them. Let them crash into each other all day long. I don't care if it is bright and sunny or if it is raining, if its dusk, dawn, or high noon...I turn my lights on. Why? It's not just to be able to see...that doesn't make a difference in the daytime. I want those idiots to see me. I can't understand why someone wouldn't use their lights when it is raining. Don't they want to be seen? Anything I can do to make myself more visible, I do it. When I'm making a turn, I use my turn signal. Not to remind me where I'm going, but to let others know where I'm going. I'm doing more than just keeping in mind that there are a lot of morons out there. I'm looking out for myself. I can only hope that they're looking out for the moron behind the wheel of my Bus.

Till later, - GoBusGo! 🚐

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The Wall Comes To Bug-A-Palüza 9

This year's Bug-A-Palüza show will have an added feature. The Vietnam Veterans Association Chattanooga Chapter will display "The Tennessee Wall" at this year's event.

Inspired by The Vietnam Memorial Wall on the Mall in Washington, D.C., The Tennessee Wall lists the 1291 names of The Fallen from Tennessee. The names are sandblasted on Corian panels. Designed to be easily transported and assembled, The Tennessee Wall has been presented at community events, shopping centers, and veterans gathering around the state, and has many times been featured on television.

Additionally, a similar plaque bearing the names of The Fallen from four north Georgia counties (Catoosa, Walker, Dade, and Whitfield) is displayed alongside The Tennessee Wall.

The Members of Chapter 203 consider it an honor and privilege to be the creators



Some of the members of the Chattanooga Vietnam Veterans Association pose in front of the Tennessee Vietnam War Memorial, a traveling exhibit with the names of Tennessee's servicemen who fell in Vietnam. The exhibit will be a part of this year's Bug-A-Palüza 9 show at Camp Jordan.

and guardians of these memorial monuments and the Scenic City Volks Folks con-

sider it an honor to host the Tennessee Wall at Bug-A-Palüza 9, April 21-22, 2007.

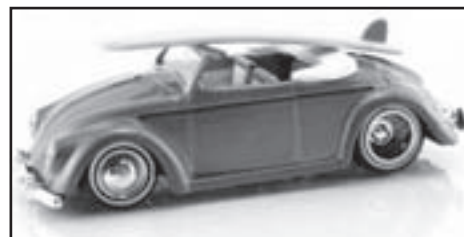
Bug Collectors: VW Toys Are Just Getting Hotter!

I have found that true Volkswagen enthusiasts also collect Volkswagen toys as part of their addiction and die-cast toy car makers seem to be feeding the frenzied affectionados as fast as they can. Witness new offerings from JadaToy such as the "For Sale" series which includes a rust bucket Beetle and a dirty split window bus with pop-out

front windows. Add to that the "Dub City" series with a Meyers Manx, 49 Hebmüller Convertible, Karmann Ghia, 23 Window bus, a Notchback and more. While the toy companies produce more than just VW lines, it is the VW's that appear to be the most sought after judging by their brief stay on store shelves.



The future looks bright for the VW collector with most manufacturers having lines of toys that are yet to be released thought samples are plentiful on their websites.



Don't collect VW toys you say? Then snag them up when you see them and store them away for special occasions such as birthdays or Christmas. And if you don't have anyone to give one to, you can always send it to me!

-Charlton Wiggins

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Records & Awards

Volkswagen Records its 500,000th Sale of the New Beetle in the U.S.

Volkswagen of America, Inc. today announced that U.S. sales of the legendary New Beetle reached the half-million mark. It was exactly nine years ago that the New Beetle made its world-wide debut at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Excitement for Volkswagen's original Beetle remained strong in the United States during the 1960s through the end of its U.S. run in 1979.

Like a true survivor, it only lay dormant until it returned to the scene as an evolution of the original. When the New Beetle was introduced in 1998, it took America by storm, and today passion for the iconic vehicle remains strong. In contrast, it took nearly thirteen years for the original Beetle to accomplish what the New Beetle did in nine -- a half-million units sold!

"The New Beetle is fun, functional and enduring," said Adrian Hallmark, executive vice president, Volkswagen of America, Inc. "It maintains its strength and popularity in the market and its icon status promises

that the New Beetle will continue to be a magnet for the brand."

Originally shown as the Concept I at the 1994 North American International Auto Show to an enthusiastic audience, the New Beetle's profile and classic elements satisfied America's desire for a design that was fresh and unique. When it entered the market in 1998, sales quickly exceeded the anticipated 50,000 units. It reinvigorated Volkswagen's performance in the U.S. market, and helped rejuvenate



Volkswagen new beetle sales reaches half a million

sales across Volkswagen's entire range of products.

With New Beetle sales came an insurgence of the Bug in pop culture: From the return of the "punch buggy" game to the 2005 movie *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, the New Beetle is

truly a modern cultural phenomenon.

Volkswagen continues to modify the New Beetle to meet customer demand. In 2005, the New Beetle was refreshed with a more dynamic new shape, giving it a stronger, slightly more aggressive and masculine appearance. Volkswagen also gave the New Beetle an all-new 2.5-liter, in-line cylinder gasoline engine that delivers 150 horsepower.

For 2007, Volkswagen offers something for everyone when it comes to the New Beetle. Paying homage to the historical roots of the Beetle, Volkswagen for 2007 is once again offering a Triple White

New Beetle convertible; and since the Beetle was always known for its tremendous value, Volkswagen will offer a limited number starting at \$16,490.

VW GTI Named Auto Of The Year

Volkswagen of America, announced that the sporty GTI has been named AUTOMOBILE Magazine 2007 Automobile of the Year.

AUTOMOBILE Magazine commended the GTI's high-tech, 200-horsepower 2.0T 4 cylinder engine that produces 207 ft.-lbs. of torque, noting that its DSGTM gearbox "is simply the best automatic-type transmission we've ever driven."

The '07 GTI is a solid and aggressive model with an available automated manual DSG® transmission that utilizes



Automobile Magazine's editor-in-chief Gavin Conway hands over the trophy to VOA's executive VP Adrian Hallmark at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

direct shifting, which essentially automatically depresses clutch-shift points more efficiently and quicker than even a professional driver can. For those driving enthusiasts who want the unique control of a clutch, the GTI comes with a standard six-speed manual transmission. Top speed is electronically governed at 130 miles per hour in the U.S.

First introduced in 1983, the GTI quickly drew admiration for its combination of sporty performance and practicality. The '07 GTI is Volkswagen's definitive return to its groundbreaking, hot hatch sports car concept, offering enthusiasts a modern and dynamic extension of the automaker's original "pocket rocket."

The GTI starts at \$22,730. AUTOMOBILE Magazine notes that the GTI "feels like it has more build quality than anything within miles of its price point."



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November 11-12, 2006

The weekend started on Thursday, November 10, as Kevin (Moose) Wilson, his neighbor Chris, and I headed south in Oscar, my '78 Bus. On the way down, we stopped at Lauren (VW-Girl) Bailey's house in Micanopy, FL to spend the night before heading the rest of the way to Tampa. On Friday morning, we headed south again. When we got to Dade City, we stopped at Sunray Bugs to visit the owner, Corky. While Lauren and Chris stayed there, Moose and I headed on to my Grandma's house before checking into our motel. The motel parking lot already had numerous VWs filling spaces when we pulled in, got our room and did a little re-

laxing.

Saturday morning, we headed down to the Bulli Brigade in Tampa. The parking area for the pre-'67 buses was filled to capacity. Lots of vendors were selling their wares and many more people were proudly showing off their buses. I found a good deal of parts there and probably spent more money than I should have. After a few hours of looking at the buses and spending money, we headed back to the motel. Moose stayed at the motel as I went to visit with some of my family who live nearby. That evening brought out VW owners to the parking lot of the area hotels for story swapping,

boasting rights, and downright good times.

Sunday morning came and the Pasco Bug Jam was calling our names. We hurried with breakfast and got on the road up to Dade City. Since I had entered Oscar in the show, we were able to park inside. You know, after the cost of entering the show, getting the goody bag with an event T-shirt, it was well worth it. You almost spend that much for just parking in the parking lot and paying the admission fee...and you then have to buy a T-shirt if you want one. I believe there were over 400 show cars in attendance. The Bug Jam has the largest used-parts vendor area that I have ever seen. If you couldn't find something you needed there, you didn't need it!

This event filled weekend is something that I look forward to every year. Not only is it one of the largest VW shows on the East Coast, the profits proceed very worthy causes. I want to thank those responsible for both the Bulli Brigade and the Bug Jam. I know a lot of work has been put into these shows and the increased growth in both of them show it! Put November 10-11, 2007 down on your calendar as these fine people put on another quality, fun-filled weekend.

-Travis Barefoot



Moose, Knox, and good 'ol Uncle Tod putting purchased parts into Oscar's trailer.

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Greensboro, NC VW Show

In early March, the Greensboro News-Record sponsored an auto show with half the facility devoted to Volkswagens. With roughly a hundred VW's (mostly air-cooled) in all stages of repair from ratty, rotten, rusting wrecks to high-end and pricey show cars, the Greensboro show was a feast for the eyes to Volkswagen lovers.

- Charlton Wiggins



Above: A rusted wreck of a Ghia with more holes than metal. Below: A sweet custom job, this bug had the back end formed to look like an old roadster. Bottom right: This classy notchback was an everyday driver. Bottom left: A show favorite was this resto-custom oval. Left: No need for a generator on this VW dragster. Top left: A 23-window to drool over.



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



Got a lot to carry? Get a box.



Here's a few more. Say hi.



Make an order to your car with it to look.



Cut a hole in the roof to get the top in.



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The whole idea behind the Volkswagen Beetle Wagon.

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