



New version of the Club newsletter that can be viewed both in email and on a smart phone.

How this Photo Opportunity came about. by Dan Peirce



Sometimes, you see a picture and get inspired to do a project. Such was the case with the Hot wheels ramp I decided to build for the 2014 Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival. I was reading an article on the upcoming Snake and Mongoose Movie. Kids from the late 70's like myself remember the two drag racers duking it out at the track and of course we all had Hot Wheels cars that were in the size shape and livery of the two combatents. It was one of the first real life racers turned into hot wheels cars. Hot wheels was a major sponsor of the two at the time. So when I saw the trailer for the movie they had the two full sized cars on a full scale Hot wheels track. I saw that and thought. How cool would it be to have this at a car show for our cars! Now of course we did not have the budget that the movie had to make a full scale plastic molded track. But I thought how hard would it be to make a cheaper wood replica in the correct color? So I sketched out on paper and in my mind how to do this and next thing I knew I had approval to take it to the next level. I went to Minards and purchased a whole heap of wood and such being mindful that it all had to fit in my Suburban. I decided

that after measuring a few cars that I would want the bottom track to be 20 feet long and I decided 8 feet wide would fit most cars width without requiring the parking skills of a valet. I decided the height needed to be 18 feet tall. So then it was the actual build. I went through 4 gallons of paint, a lot of drywall screws and a lot of 4x8 panels, both luan for the top and 1/2 plywood for the floor. The end result was perhaps not as impressive as the original picture but when put side by side I think I got the point accross. Overall it was a fun project and it took around 1 month to build on my off hours. It takes around 1 and a half hours to take from the suburban and have fully set up. Im glad I could do this for the club and I think it went over well at the show as a photo op and something for the spectators to look at.

Dan.



Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

After an oppressive winter season, our May weather cleared in time for our 27th Annual Festival at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. There was plenty of rain that week, and the river nearly flooded its banks. By Sunday, we had enough dry areas to display our cars and hold an impressive Swap Meet! At Show time, there was no rain, and the temperature was also pleasant.

The Pre-Festival Cruise to the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club (in Dexter) was an interesting diversion from “cars.” The Banquet on Saturday evening was also well attended.

Festival kudos to Wayne Burling and Dan Pierce for organizing this year's events, including some new features and food vendors.

June events have started, and Debra Foye has updated a list of known events on our website. Note that on the "[What's Happening with MVVC](#)" summary page on our website there is also an "[Upcoming Events](#)" tab. ***That tab takes you to a more complete listing of VW events in our area.***

Earlier in June, our "What's Happening" page showed the 6/14/2014 VW show at the Bavarian Festival as our next event. The "Upcoming Events" page, however, included a Fun Fest for Air Cooled VWs in Effingham, IL, a Midwest VW Jamboree in Hudson, MI, a Blessing of the Bugs event in Scottville, MI, a MIVE event at Austrian Society Park in Macomb Township, a Charity Car Show at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum, in Auburn Hills, and an Easter Seals, Seals on Wheels event in Auburn Hills, all during the weekend ending Sunday June 8! ... Whew! **Full list of events through the end of August can be found below.**

Debra also sends periodic e-mail reminders for close in events. Kudos to Debra as well!

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Remember to wear your Club shirt and name tag so we can recognize each other. If you do not have a Club Shirt, see Wayne or e-mail him (wayne@mvvc.net). S - XL are \$12.00; 2XL and 3XL are \$15.00 each. If you need extra name tags for yourself or a family member, they are \$10.00 each; also ordered through Wayne.

We should all try to find new members for our Club. Remember, we have expanded from being air-cooled only to everything Volkswagen. We have updated our flyer to show this, and it includes an application form for new members. Check out the updated pictures as well. See me and get several flyers for your glove compartment.

I am tentatively planning to be at the following events:

June 14, 2014 - VW only show at the Bavarian Festival

June 28, 2014 - VW Display at German Park

July 25, 2014 - Chelsea Car Show @ Sights and Sounds Festival

July 27, 2014 - MVVC Picnic

NOTE the Full Weekend of late July activity

August 16, 2014 - Woodward Dream Cruise

Lets get out there and have some fun this summer!

Festival Recap by the Co-Chairman

When I agreed to take the office of Vice President, I knew that one of my responsibilities was going to be working the MVVC car show. I did not however fully understand that it would be a very challenging job that would take around three months to complete. I was very blessed to have the help of Wayne to guide me with my new responsibilities. These mostly centered around fund raising. We dont think about it much, but there are many expenses to putting on a show. To cover these expenses we need seed money, which you would hope to have from the previous show. Unfortunately we did not have much money from the last show, or much money at all, due to some past purchases. Luckily we did have a lot of good notes/paperwork from the previous Fund raiser. So I plugged away sending E mails, and phone calls and such. We got the support we needed and I am very thankful to them. Make sure to support the sponsors that support us!! Then Wayne had all us newbies come down to the show field to see the condition of the field (wet!) and go over with us the setup. This year we would be handling new members in a different way. We would have different demonstrations during the day and some photo op displays. I got to the show at 630am and the work began. I was happy to see many members getting together to make light work of it all. I think the show went rather smoothly and really enjoyed the day. Id like to thank all the sponsors as well as the show goers and swap meet people who helped make this a successfull event. I heard nothing but good things from and about the food venders. As You will hear me say over

and over and over again. We are a club, which comprises a group of like minded individuals with similar interests and goals. We are a group who work together as one so that we can promote and enjoy our hobby. We gain members by being helpful and friendly to others. We are all as individuals interested in guiding others towards our club though interest in others needs. Through this we receive warmth and joy in return, and the reward of enjoying our hobby with others. [Dan Peirce](#)

Well this being my second year as Co-Chairman and the prior 7 years working the Club Booth at the Festival, I want to say this was the smoothest running show yet. Thank you to all of the Volunteers that worked the show and especially George Smith for coordinating the Club Booth and Tent. This year was a year of many new things with the Festival. Dan Peirce created a wonderful Photo Op for us (see article above). This year we listened to your suggestions and brought in new food vendors. We set up mini tech sessions (thank you Chris Braden and Steve Norris) for taking care of these. We had 54 Swap spaces this year which was up from last year. There were over 150 vehicles both air and water cooled on display at the show. Although the counts were down for the Pre-Festival Banquet and the Pre-Festival Cruise, all those that did attend had a great time. If you have any ideas for next year the board and festival chair persons are always open to new suggestions. [Wayne Burling](#)



Upcoming Events

The events below are currently listed on our website. Please check out our upcoming events page <http://www.mvvc.net/eventlist/vweventlist.php> for more information!

*MVVC events

06/06-08/2014 Mid America Motorworks Fun Fest for Air Cooled VWs, Effingham, IL

06/06-08/2014 Second Annual MIDWEST VW JAMBOREE, Hudson, MI

06/07/2014 Blessing of the Bugs, Scottville, MI

06/07/2014 Michigan VW Enthusiasts (MIVE), Motorstadt XI, Macomb Twp

06/07/2014 Chrysler Employee Motorsport Association 25th Annual Charity Car Show Auburn Hills, MI

06/07/2014 Easter Seals, Seals on Wheels, Auburn Hills, MI

06/08/2014 Blast from the Past Car Show Lake St. Clair Metropark

***06/14/2014** **VW only show at the Bavarian Festival, Frankenmuth, MI**

06/14/2014 Eastpointe Gratiot Cruise

06/14/2014 All Air-Cooled Car Show, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners

06/14/2014 Volks Folks at the zoo, Lansing

06/14/2014 The 25th Annual Cruise-On-In & Dance Party Massillon, Ohio

06/21/2014 Creekfest Carnival Parade Ortonville, MI

06/21/2014 Spark Plugs Car Show & Swap Meet New Hudson, MI

06/27/2014 Back to The 50's Weekend New Castle, PA

***06/28/2014** **VW Display at German Park German Park, Ann Arbor**

Township

06/28/2014 Cruisin' Downriver

07/12/2014 Deutsche Marques - All German Gathering at Gilmore Museum

07/12/2014 Great Lakes Dragaway Bugfest, formerly known as MOFOCO BugFest

07/20/2014 US131 Summer Bug Run

07/25/2014 Chelsea Car Show @ Sights and Sounds Festival

07/26/2014 Roseville Gratiot Cruise

***07/27/2014** **MVVC Picnic**

- 08/03/2014 Clinton Twp Gratiot Cruise
08/09/2014 Columbus (OH) Volksfest
08/12/2014 Back to the Bricks Car Cruise
***08/16/2014 Woodward Dream Cruise**
08/24/2014 Cruisin' Hines
08/27/2014 Harper Cruise



The MVVC is a Chapter of the Vintage Volkswagen Club of America (VWCA). Members are encouraged to also join and support the VWCA. Membership is separate from the MVVC membership. Applications for the national club may be found at :

www.vwca.com.

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If you have an interesting, technical or simply entertaining story about your vintage VW, PLEASE consider submitting your article to the Newsletter! Also, if you have photos of any recent MVVC events or members, those are appreciated as well! Remember the Newsletter is written FOR you and BY YOU!

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