

# 2015 MVVC Quarterly

## 1st Quarter Newsletter



# 2015

## **Dues, your club, why be in a club, how to get the most from your club, what is the future of our club.**

**by Dan Peirce**

So here we are, 2015 the beginning of a new year. Most of our VW's are either in storage or in pieces, being worked on for the new season to be.

Your board is hard at work putting together the ideas for the 2015 Festival, talking about color tours, a racing event, some historic museum tours and generally throwing a bunch of ideas on the wall to see what sticks. We want to build on the momentum we got from 2014. We now have Rolf on the board, who as we all know is a passionate VW loving individual with endless good Ideas and we intend as a board to take advantage of that passion!

Also we were talking about our dues for 2015. The challenges and how those challenges effect the club. Also the importance of communication with the club members about how important it is to have members pay their dues in January so that we have money to put on the show (seed money) and pay for events and such. Also the lack of communication or worse yet the mis-communication on this issue.

This thinking of club dues and events brought me to thinking back to when I was a lone wolf, a club of one! Makes you sometimes question, why am I in a club? What do my dues get me? Well from my travels and such I can attest there are clubs and there are clubs. A lot depends on the Board, their passion and the passion of the members. We are going to have some fun events. Lots of camaraderie, and some adventures. My goal and the goal of the board is to add excitement and cohesiveness to our club. We are a young board so we are learning, but I feel that we gained a lot of ground last year and I hope for us to make even more strides this year. Our end goal is to have a very active and vibrant club with passionate VW people wanting to do events and get together events with others.

A lot of times we are in our own little bubble (technology has helped and hurt us in this respect). We work on our car, go to shows we are interested in (close ones that use little calories to participate in), and generally we can sell short our hobby. Many people that are this way can get a little put down by their choice in vehicle at many of these shows. On the bright side we can feel like a rebel (lone wolf) cutting a slath of interesting,

through the hoard of Mustangs, Camaros, and Nova's. Usually this will burn you out after a while (lots of negativity and some praise). It is good to at times meet with like minded people who share your passion for our odd little cars. A much more groovy experience you could say.

I find that it is by meeting in real time with real people who own real VW with real problems and solutions to those problems make club life worth living. We live in such a world where it is much easier to meet virtual friends with sometimes virtual VW's. Meeting real people is much more fun and is rewarding. Who can't use more friends? Especially VW friends? And nothing is more fun than being at an event or a cruise with your VW buddies. As a board it is part of our job to make as many of these get together events as we can without burning every one out. We have created a Facebook page so that we can have a bit of crossover and turn some of our virtual world into reality.

How do you get the most out of your club? Well by being active of course! It is like a self powered machine.

The more who show to the events get more out of it and motivate others to join which make for better events, which in turn spur one future events!! Crazy right? So get a club shirt (or three they are cheap right?), show up to as many events as you can. Talk to each other. Even if what they are into is not your cup of tea, does not mean they don't have some insight to add to your world. Make friends! You, and your VW will benefit greatly from the experience. The best reference is one who has been there. The best tool, is the one who helps you in a bind by letting you borrow theirs. The best Road repair is the one that ends with applause as you restart your journey. Remember not of our VW's have only one seat. Fill it with a newbie.



# Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

Welcome to 2015. I hope you enjoyed friends and family over the holidays, and found a reason or two to take your VW for a spin!

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party at Zender's in Frankenmuth was a success. There were 37 people in attendance, and the Club bought dinners for all! Some pictures are included in this newsletter.

As it is the start of another year, here's a friendly reminder: Our dues are \$15.00 annually (due on January 1st).

If you have not done so, please send your payment (checks or money orders made payable to "MVVC") to:

**MVVC Membership**  
**c/o Wayne Burling**  
**14122 Jackson Dr.**  
**Plymouth, MI 48170**

You can also pay by Credit Card or PayPal. See our website for details. (mvvc.net).



So far in early January, the weather is not as cold as last year, and our snow levels are minimal. February, however, started with a massive snowfall. It is still pretty cold for the air-cooled cars to heat the interior, so bundle up if you take one out driving! I hope this observation does not bring truly Arctic weather for the rest of winter in Michigan.

We have begun some early planning for our **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015**. It will again be held at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. Mark your Calendar!

Generally, the theme will honor the 60th Anniversary, of the Karmann Ghia. They were only built as a stand-alone model from 1955 through 1973. We have several outstanding versions in our Club.

There is a different event being planned for the Saturday before the Festival, a Slow Speed Slalom. This will be followed by an informal pizza buffet at the Host Hotel instead of the more formal Banquet as in the past. We can display our cars at the Hotel, drawing additional interest to our Show/Festival the next day.

More details of this will be presented at Planning Meetings beforehand. The first of these is scheduled for **March 21 at 2:00 pm at Aubree's in Depot Town**.

There has been some discussion of how we announce our events to the membership. Generally we rely on Facebook and eMail for our event notifications. For those Members without either, we mail postcards with event details. There are only 16 members receiving post cards at this time.

We have recently sent post cards to members whose 2015 dues payments are due. This was a one-time special mailing and is not intended as a standard notification method for other MVVC events.

Last year, we changed the Club T-Shirts to a dark blue color with white lettering. These look very nice and highlight our Club Logo and Name Tags. We will be adding "hoodies" in the same color and lettering format. These will be available before the Festival. If interested, see Wayne to purchase yours.

Please note Wayne's planning request for the new hoodies recently posted on Facebook. There are other planning requests made on Facebook. It is important that you respond to these in a timely manner.

Shirts and Name Tags should be worn at all MVVC and other VW events for easy Identification and Recognition of other members! Name Tags are available for your spouse or other special person for \$10. See Wayne to order yours.

We have also updated our Club Flyer to include a Membership Application. This is a nice Promotional piece, and I urge all members to keep several with their car to give to other VW Folks who may express an interest in our Club. I will generally have a supply of these available.

**Remember, our Club now embraces all Volkswagens; air cooled or water cooled.**

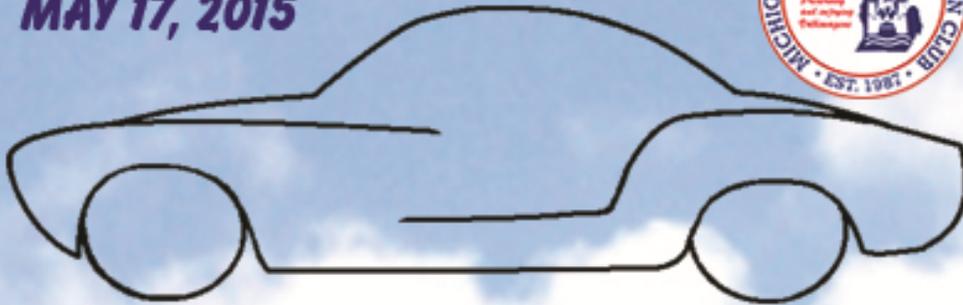
Spring starts on March 20. Let's get ready for a fun season.

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# Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival

All Volkswagens water and air cooled are welcome!

**MAY 17, 2015**



***CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE KARMANN GHIA***

## **CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE KARMANN GHIA**

is this years theme for our Vintage Festival.

**May 17, 2015**

We again will be using the

**Comfort Inn Call (734)477-9977 and Days Inn Call (734)971-0700**

on Carpenter Road.

Make sure to tell them you are with the "**Vintage Volkswagen Festival**" to get your discount.

Pre-registration is available for a discounted price again this year.

Vehicle Pre-registration is \$12.00 save \$3.00

Swap Pre-registration is \$15.00 save \$5.00

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## **Please Volunteer**

**MVVC Members & Supporters:**

**This Festival would not be what it is today without your help.**

**Please sign up today for your festival work assignment!**

Online at:

<http://www.mvvc.net/eventpages/volunteers/volunteerlist.php>

or at one of the planning meetings. (see below)

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## **Pre-Festival Event**

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

### **Ride, Race, Fly and Eat EVENT**

We will meet at the Riverside park at 9:30am and will caravan to the  
Yankee Air Museum

Willow Run Airport (YIP), 47884 D Street, Belleville, MI 48111

At the Museum we will have a Slow Speed Slalom set up.

We will have fun on a small timed course of cones  
that will average around 30mph and will  
show our driving skills, and will be a lot of fun for all.

After we have gotten the thrill of driving our  
fine German machines around the course  
we will have a guided tour of the museum.

After the tour we will caravan to the Comfort Inn  
at 2376 Carpenter Road , Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48108  
for a Pizza Dinner complete with child and adult beverages  
**(\$5.00 per attendee to cover cost of Pizza).**

We can display our cars at the Hotel,  
drawing interest to our Show/Festival the next day.

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please RSVP to [festival@mvvc.net](mailto:festival@mvvc.net) by May 8, 2015

Please RSVP for the Pizza Party so we can determine how many pizzas to order.

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We have planned two Festival Planning meetings:

March 21st, 2:00 pm Aubree's

April 25th, 2:00 pm Aubree's

Please visit our website at

<http://www.mvvc.net/eventpages/Festival 2015/festival.php>

for more information.

It is here, finally you can renew your membership online.

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Yes we listened and made it so.

You can now go to our website

**Membership Page**

(<http://www.mvvc.net/membership.php>)

and renew through PayPal. You can

use any credit card or with your

own PayPal account.

Remember that dues are due on 12/31 each year. This year after March 31st we will be moving you to **INACTIVE** if you have not renewed.

## Upcoming Events

<http://www.mvvc.net/eventlist/vweventlist.php>

Events Highlighted in **Green** are MVVC events.

2/15/2015 Greater Toledo vw club's Packo's Cabin Fever !

2/28/2015 12th Annual Bus BRRR Presented by Buses by the Beach!

Feb. 28 - March 1, 2015

**3/21/2015 \* 2015 Membership Kickoff Meeting & Festival Planning**

**2:00 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m. Aubree's in Depot Town.**

3/29/2015 Michigan Buggy Builders<br> 34th Annual<br> Dune Buggy \* ATVs \* VWs \* Trucks and more!<br> Trade Show & Swap Meet

**4/25/2015 Planning meeting for our 2015 Festival**

**2:00 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m. Aubree's in Depot Town.**

**5/16/2015 Pre-Festival Ride, Race, Fly and Eat Event**

**5/17/2015 Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival**

5/23/2015 Buses by the Beach Campout - Bus Benefit 2014

6/7/2015 Third Annual MIDWEST VW JAMBOREE (June 5, 6, & 7)<br><br>

7/19/2015 US131 Summer Bug Run

7/25/2015 Kubel Treffen East 2015 - Dayton Ohio<br> July 24th-26th

9/13/2015 Frankenmuth Auto Fest - September 11-13th

9/26/2015 Bus BOO!!!

9/29/2015 The third annual Northern Worthersee European Car Show.

10/4/2015 US131 Fall Bug Run

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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](http://www.vwca.com).

## **The MVVC Newsletter Needs YOUR STORIES!**

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!

**Next Newsletter Deadline is April 15, 2015.**

