

2015 MVVC Quarterly

3rd Quarter Newsletter



As the car show season winds down and we start thinking of apple cider and color tours, your board is hard at work on the details for the rest of the season and some major changes for 2016.



We are hard at work on our Color tour and will have info available on that soon.



Also we are hard at work on our Christmas Party (no charge to members and 1 guest) and it looks like it will be at a car museum and we will have everyone bring a dish to pass, with the club bringing a main course. Also of note

is the Picnic at Lynn Anderson's summer home which is always a good time. Again keep an eye on the events page

Biggest news is that the club is much better off financially than we have been in a long time. This is due to the efforts of many. We had a wonderful car show season and have grown our club by opening it up to all years of VW powered vehicles. Interestingly enough this also comes with some small challenges. We are taking in more money from show, sales/clothing and such than we are from membership renewals. This makes for some

interesting paperwork issues.

To alleviate the membership vrs sales issue as well as to give back to the club, all who register and pay their \$15.00 entry fee for the show in 2016 are automatically paid up for the 2016 membership. That's right one stop shopping, BOGO, and bonus all into one. This will help in many ways. First all show entrants are now paying a membership fee, not show entry. Also this will bolster our membership numbers to more accurately show who is going to our shows and taking part in our activities. I also feel that when our show goes enjoy all the updates on shows, free name tag, newsletter, and other benefits that members receive they will want to stay in the fold. I am hopeful that with some shrewdness on the board's part with managing money along with the help of our sponsors (SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS AS THEY SUPPORT YOU!) we can keep this new memberships dues/show entry policy going for years to come. Yes if you pay your dues ahead of time you get free entry to the show. No this does not include swapper area sales and such.

Our race/cruise/eat event was very successful this year and I think everyone had fun and wants to do that again. We are working to make that a reality and are actually working to make our Festival an official 2 day event. So if all goes to plan we intend to go racing with a slow speed slalom, followed by a cruise to the park where we will have a picnic as well as a live show with a live band (tentatively the Magic Bus Band). This Band night will also be open to the public with an entry fee. As we did last year we will be relying on the Boy Scouts for money taking and such.

As you can see 2016 is going to be a great year. Know that your board is working hard to better the club so that you can have a good club experience. Please promote the club to your fellow VW enthusiasts and emphasize the changes in the NEW MVVC.

Dan Peirce
Vice-President

Floating on AIR

Major car show, museum put meet on cruise control.

by Shell Tomlin

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Years ago, our traditional Maifest was designed to create a venue for our Spring Trustees Meeting - to provide a "fun" component to our business matters. Currently, this meeting is handled by teleconference (thanks to the late Jack Lyman), leaving the entire weekend open for fun with our Volkswagens.

The Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club fills the bill perfectly with their annual Festival in Ypsilanti, Michigan. While the headline activity is Sunday's huge car show, the Saturday activities vary, with this year being centered on the Yankee Air Museum in nearby Belleville, Michigan. A slalom course was set up on the air field where participants could test their own cars, their driving skills and their nerves to race against the clock. Surprisingly, some of the best times were turned in a Bus! Afterwards, we got a guided tour of the museum where we got to see and touch dozens of civilian and military aircraft and view the various stages of fabrication. Airplane buff or not, the tour was fascinating!



The cruise back to the headquarters hotel ended with a pizza party and impromptu car show, a precursor to the main event on Sunday. Chris Braden of Munk's Motors was on hand to answer questions, solve problems and even make a few adjustments to participants' cars in the parking lot! Many of us learned the fix or cure for nagging problems just by listening to others who had already solved them. This is what attending these events - and Club membership - is all about.



Of course it's all about Volkswagens, too. Among the most unusual was a unique right-hand drive 1955 Beetle named "Sinister" owned by Derrick McDuffey of Holt, Michigan. The car was "born" as a left-hand drive ("normal" for us in the US), but converted by Derrick himself using parts obtained from Australia and elsewhere.



Why go to the effort? Derrick is getting married in July, 2015. He and new wife Denise are planning to honeymoon in Jamaica, where right-hand drive is the norm, and he wanted to get used to it. Love knows no bounds!



Also competing for "most unusual" was Chris Braden's mobile sound car. Starting with a 1958 Beetle chassis, his crew added a newer front body section, a power inverter and speakers enabling him to broadcast from anywhere on the vast acreage of Riverside Park during the Sunday show. While the show is not judged, "Best of Show" plaques are usually available for \$20 with proceeds going to a local charity. This year's theme was "60 Years of the Karmann Ghia" (not to mention 60 years of VWoA *and* VWCA!), so Ghia models were the



focus of their "Pass In Review" recognition. But there were nearly 200 other models in the show whose owners were eager to tell you the stories of their cars' rugged upbringing or now-pampered lifestyle. And you could spend hours browsing the dozens of swap booths searching for that last little piece to make your restoration complete. Check out the Gallery on our web site - www.vwclub.org - for photos of this year's Michigan Vintage Festival and make sure you don't miss this one next year!



Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

Show and Driving Season

The 2015 Show and Driving Season is in full bloom. Bring your car out to join with us and other members of the Club at several local and regional venues.. Check these on our website (www.mvvc.net). There is a detailed listing of events which you may enjoy under the sub-heading “EVENTS” on the .main page; sometime there are more than one event on the same day. Pick one, find a friend to travel with and enjoy the day.

Remember to wear your Club T-shirt and Nametag.

New Members

We will be starting a new approach to retaining members, namely sending a tailored welcoming letter with some information about other MVVC Members in their area. This will be a printed list with member names, city and phone information only, listed in Zip Code order. It will not be made available on-line. This would be mailed with their new name tag!. If you are contacted by a new member, please try to welcome them and be helpful.

You can opt out of this listing by notifying me at hneil@mvvc.net. Please try to do this without delay, as it will be published only once annually.

Starting with this issue, we will also post the name, city and phone number of our new members. This will be listed in Zip Code order for ease in finding nearby members. Please welcome any near you, and encourage them to join

our events.

2016 Concours d'Elegance Opportunity

We have been asked to provide a "Circle of Volkswagens" at the next Concours d'Elegance at St. John's (in 2016). There will be only ten VW vehicles allowed for this very special event. The organizers are looking for early unmodified VW models with special interest status. These could include military or special bodied cars (not "Kit Cars"), early Beetle or Karmann Ghia cabriolets, Type 3 or 4 models, a 1973 notifying: a Sports Bug", a type 34 Karmann Ghia, a "Thing", and an early 23 window van for example.

The selection will be made by a committee from within the Concours organization. This is a great opportunity to show your special VW at this prestigious car event. More information about this event can be found at www.concours.usa.net.

For consideration, please forward one or two photographs of your vehicle with a short explanation of its special nature. For example, my 1990 VW Fox could be included as the VW Fox was only produced between 1987 and 1993, and exclusively manufactured in Brazil by VW for worldwide sales.

Send your information to me at: hneil@mvc.net, and I will forward it to the selection committee. Do not delay!

Daytime Driving Lights

I was running on Dexter Ann Arbor Road, and a driver from the opposite direction cut across my path at an intersection. I was able to avoid a collision, but did not expect that action by the other driver. In retrospect, I believe that the other driver did not see by small Bradley. I have added LED Daytime Driving Lights

I ask you to consider adding LED Daytime Driving Lights, or alternately driving with your headlights on at all times. (I will also ask other members to remind you

if you forgot to turn them off at an event.)

2016 Festival

We are pleased to announce that Wayne Burling and Dan Pierce will Co-Chair our 29th Annual Festival in 2016. Thanks guys!

**The following members joined the club since the first of the year.
Please welcome any near you, and encourage them to join our events.**

Joseph	Prozzoly	Carnegie	PA	(412) 498-0053
Jay	Shienbaum	Franklin	MI	(248) 330-8090
Daniel	McCabe	Clinton Twp	MI	(586) 322-3846
Michael	Lacoursiere	Macomb	MI	(586) 263-1229
Laura	Heidrich	Royal Oak	MI	(248) 891-0566
Wade	Sutton	Royal Oak	Mi	(208) 446-9973
Scott	Traynor	Troy	MI	(912) 484-5491
Ted	Empson	Ann Arbor	MI	(734) 255-6220
Diana / Jayne	Sepac / Miller	Ann Arbor	MI	(734) 845-0646
Richard	Orgeck	Dearborn Hts	MI	(313) 522-2983
John & Irene	Stedman	Manchester	MI	(734) 249-2314
Kristie	Brablec	Saline	MI	(734) 678-4284
Mr. Lynn A	Renaud	Wyondote	MI	(734) 281-0076
Nanette	Cote'	Ypsilanti	MI	(734) 481-9951
Todd	Wilber	Ypsilanti	MI	(734) 330-7723
John	Kosinski II	River Rouge	MI	(313) 330-1986
Stephanie	Morgan-Sterenber	Detroit	MI	(734) 554-2621
Robert	Vielhaber	Rochester Hills	MI	(248) 635-7705
John	McDonnell	Shelby Twp	MI	(586) 786-4023
Michael J	Hayden	Waterford	MI	(586) 419-9812
Adam	Klann	Waterford	MI	(586) 533-7922

Brian	Robbins	Pontiac	MI	(630) 450-3905
Ed	Meurer Jr.	Milford	MI	(248) 477-4100
Steve	Mazurc	Fenton	MI	(810) 632-7837
Gary	Hogness	Goodrich	MI	(810) 417-8777
Larry	Taylor	Oscoda	MI	(989) 724-8257
Derrick	McDuffey	Holt	MI	(917) 803-1965
Brittany	Phillips	Howell	MI	(248) 767-3927
Edmund	Phillipson	Shingleton	MI	(989) 621-9755
Dylan	Conner	Ada	MI	(616) 826-0737

Events

Hello everyone! A list of events on our website is listed below. See our events page for more information!

Debra Foye

MVVC Events Coordinator

*** MVVC Events highlighted in Green**

August Events:

08/13/2015 Back to the Bricks Car Cruise/Rollhaven

***08/15/2015 Woodward Dream Cruise Kirby's, Bloomfield Hills**

08/22/2015 Windy City Dub Fest, Grayslake, IL

08/22/2015 Suburban VW Farmington Hills, Model Year End Sales Event

***08/23/2015 Cruisin' Hines, Edward Hines Drive, Hines Park**

08/26/2015 Harper Cruise @ Ray Debates', St. Clair Shores

08/29/2015 Northern Worthersee European Car Show, Frankenmuth

***08/30/2015 MVVC Picnic At The Lake!, Pleasant Lake, Lapeer**

September Events:

2015-09-26 Kokomo Oktoberfest Volkswagen Cruise-In
The City of Firsts Volkswagen Club

2015-09-13 Frankenmuth Auto Fest - September 11-13th

2015-09-13 Barnum's Bug Barn VW & Buggy Show

2015-09-20 Greater Toledo VW Club Bugfest 2015

2015-09-20 Milford Car Show

2015-09-12 Cruisin' by the Bay - September 11th & 12th

2015-09-26 Bus BOO!!!

2015-09-13 Old Car Festival

2015-09-20 Orphan Car Show

2015-09-26 Truckers Canning Hunger

2015-09-12 66th Illinois Secretary of State Vehicle Show

Please check out our upcoming events page

<http://www.mvvc.net/eventlist/vweventlist.php> for more information!



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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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 November 25, 2015.