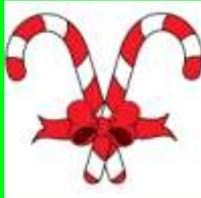


# 2015 MVVC Quarterly

4th Quarter Newsletter



## Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party and Membership meeting.

SUNDAY, DEC 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 TO 7:00 pm

Stahl's Automotive Museum,  
56516 North Bay Dr.  
Chesterfield, MI 48051

MAIN COURSE AND SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED.

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, or "VW" THEMED DESSERT.

ALSO, A NEW UNWRAPPED CHILD'S TOY WITH AN APPROXIMATE \$10.00  
VALUE.

FOR YOUR VW COLLECTION, OR FAVORITE SOMEONE,  
BRING YOUR \$\$ AND VW ITEMS FOR THE CHARITY AUCTION.

If you have not already, PLEASE RSVP, BY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>,  
TO [wayne@mvvc.net](mailto:wayne@mvvc.net) OR 734-377-0696



# Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

The year was filled with various events, giving us opportunities to drive our VW's and have fun. I attended most of these. Our Saturday Festival changed in format from a Driving Tour to a Slalom event which was well received. More events like this to follow...Dan's article addresses most of our 2015 events more in depth.

As we near the end of 2015, there are still two events worthy of mention:

**1. Munk's Motors has another Tech Session: "Winter Projects for your Beetle."**

**Nov. 22nd**

**2. Our Annual Holiday Party and Membership Meeting at Stahl's Auto Museum.**

**Dec. 13th**

You do not need to bring a VW to either event, but we encourage you to attend. Details are on our website or sent via eMail. Remember to wear your Club T-shirt and Name Tag (underneath your jacket, of course)!

**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 Plymouth, MI (for 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](http://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.

This information was posted earlier, and we have had only one response for this prestigious event. I will tell the organizers that we are not interested if more participants do not materialize.

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

### **Board Opportunity**

There is an open position for Secretary on the Board. If you want to contribute to the direction of the Club please let me know. Meetings are once per quarter starting at 6:30 or 7:00 pm. on Wednesdays (generally in the Brighton area). They usually end before 9:00 pm. Let me know of your interest and availability by eMail at:

[hneil@mvc.net](mailto:hneil@mvc.net)

### **Other**

We have good communication through Facebook and our website, but this has caused some problems. For example, our members post photos directly to Facebook so others can enjoy the event (or see what they missed). As a result, there are no photographs of our 2015 Events posted on the website. This is because it is extremely difficult to transfer photos from Facebook to our website.

To an outsider, our website looks like we have lost interest or gone out of business? Can we recreate 2015 event photos for our website? Wayne has requested that photos for the website be sent directly to him with the event shown as the subject. Send your photos to [webmaster@mvc.net](mailto:webmaster@mvc.net).

Photos from future shows for the website should be handled in the same manner.

Our Festival is turning into a full weekend of activity at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. Unfortunately, camping and/or overnight parking there is not allowed. Note that your membership dues will allow your vehicle entry free to the Festival on Sunday. (A saving of \$15.00.)

Have a wonderful holiday season, be safe, and keep warm. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Remember to wear your Club T-Shirt and Name Tag!

## **It is that time of year again. Election of Club Officers.**

December brings us to the time of year when we elect our Board for the next year. This year our current board will again be running for next year. We do however have an opening for Secretary.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in serving on the board, please send the name by email to [nominations@mvc.net](mailto:nominations@mvc.net) or call Wayne at (734) 377-0696.

The current list of candidates for the board are as follows:

**President** - H. Neil Reichard

**V-President** - Dan Peirce

**Treasurer** - Wayne Burling

**Secretary** - **Open**

Debra Foye has agreed to stay on for another year as **Events Coordinator**. We will also vote on amending our bylaws to add Events Coordinator as a voting board member.

Elections will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 7, 2014  
**(See Holiday Party article)**

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Now that cold weather is almost here, check out the club store and get one of these nice Hoodies with the club logo on the back. They are \$30.00 each and we have sizes M - XL. Follow this link to get to the Store. You can also purchase the club shirt.

<http://www.mvvc.net/onlinestore/catalog>



**Hoodies**

## **The year in review!**

**by Dan Peirce**

As you are reading this the weather is getting a bit nippy, and you are probably dreaming of all the cool new car parts and tools soon to be had from the Holidays. Your favorite car is either tucked away for the winter all snug and safe, or maybe it is already in pieces awaiting the next upgrade/repair. For some their VW is a full, time all weather transportation vehicle. No matter the situation, now is a good time to get a nice cup of hot chocolate and sit back and bask in the glow that was 2015.

We started the 2015 season in January at the Dakota Inn. It was a really entertaining time with exceptional authentic German food and drink. We also had much in the way of entertainment from a live piano player and our very own Rolf leading us in song! I recommend all to attend the next one that will be coming soon as it is a memorable time and who knows how long the Dakota Inn will exist in its present 1930's form.

In March many went to the Detroit Autorama show where Monks Motors had a really cool bus that garnered much attention as well as awards. There was much for the VW enthusiast to see and do at the Autorama show and I recommend it to all. Also in March was the Michigan Buggy Builders show where I scored a 1958 36hp motor

on the cheap. I still look forward to rebuilding it for a running display piece or maybe it will find its way into a 58 bug someday.

There were many meetings to set up the MVVC car show, some at restaurants some at the Yankee air museum and still others at Munk's Motors and other vender's places. A lot of work goes into our fun and takes a large part of the off season.

In May of course it was all about getting our cars ready for the MVVC Festival and what a show it was! We had a great turn out and the proceeds and ideas from that show will fuel our passion for the 2016 show.



The upcoming show promises to be an unforgettable event with the Magic bus band locked in and racing and food, as well as star cars and many other exciting things that your board is working hard to provide to the membership. Also due to our previous efforts **your entry fee to the show will also pay your dues for the year** into the MVVC club. Think of how many "official" members we will be adding in 2016 due to this change.

In June the Gilmore museum had their air cooled car show and we were off and running to go to shows and enjoy our cars with like minded people. Mvvc had a get together at the German park and the Gilmore Museum had another show for us with German only vehicles. The first Bug Run was run at the Us131 raceway and there was a Telegraph Rd cruise.

I went to an exceptional car show in Depot Town where I got to do a fun smokey burn out. Also I ran my car at the Hot Rod Magazine Run Roadkill nights at the Pontiac Silverdome representing our hobby to the world and showing the VW as the little car that can and will take on all manner of modified cars. There were also many other local car shows and cone races attended and it seemed like there was multiple shows/races/events going on every weekend!

Woodward was a great event that had us all gather at Kirbys Coney Island for much car watching fun.

We also had another great event at the Back to the Bricks event in Flint where we met at the Skating rink for all sorts of fun.

Barnums Buggy barn Rounded off the show season with a great show that had a very large turn out. We then had a very warm but green color tour so that we could take one last ride with our fellow club members and air out our cars before we started to think of stabil and battery chargers.

We still have a pleasant Christmas dinner planned for December at the Stahl Museum and then we start the whole thing again for 2016. Remember the car hobby is what you make of it. You can be as active or relaxed as you wish to be. We are so blessed that we have the opportunities in our area, and the wonderful like minded people with which to enjoy our hobby. Don't let 2016 slip away as I feel it is going to be a very fun and memorable year for all. Don't be afraid to jump in with both feet and get involved. Now enjoy the rest of your Hot Chocolate open up your Hot VW magazine and Dream of the sunshine kissing your VW as you cruise down the road to your next adventure.

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016!

As we boldly go into the year 2016 the board has been trying to innovate better ways to finance the club. We wanted to maximize new membership while minimizing profit taken in from the car show. The reasoning behind this is, as a non profit organization we are only supposed to take in a certain amount of profit that is a percentage of actual membership dues. So... going forward the car show will have free entry to all paid members (we will have a list of paid members at the entrance to the show) dues must be paid by February. **If you are not a paid member you may become one at the entrance to the show for \$15.00 and then you may enter the show.** If you are not a member and do not wish to pay the \$15.00 to become a member then you may NOT pay an entrance fee to enter the show. So in essence all people at the show are now members. All fees paid to enter

a car into the show are now membership fees. This will both grow the club and minimize the expense of going to the show to our membership. As part of signing up as a new member you will receive a name tag in the mail at no cost.

The Saturday Event will consist of a cone race, and a very high end rock and roll



concert put on by the Magic Bus Band. Keeping in mind our expenses for the Saturday event is in excess of \$3500.00 we will be charging all entrants to the concert \$10.00, this includes members and non members alike.

There will be no charge for the cone race this year.

We hope that in the future all of our events grow in fun and scale alike. We want to keep our club solvent as well as within the law and be fiscally responsible. We want to promote growth and fellowship in all that we do.

Though we are putting our cars to sleep for the winter, we can dream ahead to the events of 2016!

We try to do an event as a club each month (though we often see each other at many more events than that!)...But we have room for events that you want to see! Below is a very rough calendar of our 2016 events. Some we have dates for and others will get their dates filled in as we learn about them. But it gives you an idea!

As the events coordinator it is my job to keep the club informed of events (our own and ones we are told about) and to help coordinate what might be needed to run new or existing events for the club. We're always looking for new event ideas, and people willing to act as contacts for those events (or existing ones)...BUT...they don't have to be the same people! So if you have something you think would make a great club event, let us know at [events@mvc.net](mailto:events@mvc.net). Being able to head the event is great, but not required. (If you know someone who might be willing to do so though...that is a HUGE help.)

So send us your ideas! Think of how many great events we could have, if everyone

suggested one idea each.

With our newsletters, monthly event emails, and Facebook group, we let the club members know about our events. As we all get busy schedules, the sooner we know about an event the sooner we can get the word out about it.

I look forward to hearing your ideas! And I hope you look forward to my emails letting you know of upcoming events!

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| January<br>Dakota Inn – January 23rd                                   | February<br>Your Event Idea HERE!  | March<br>Your Event Idea HERE!  |
| April<br>Spring Tech Session   | May<br>Vintage Volkswagen Show!<br>2 days for 2016! 5/21-<br>22/2016<br>Race and Concert Saturday<br>Car Show Sunday | June<br>VW Display at German<br>Park A2 – last Saturday of<br>the month – June 25th |
| July<br>Telegraph Cruise/LaFontaine<br>VW                              | August<br>Woodward Dream Cruise<br>/Kerby's – August 20th<br><br>Cruisin' Hines                                      | September<br>Fall Color Tour (If Early)<br><br>Your Event Idea HERE!                |
| October<br><br>Your Event Idea HERE!<br><br>Fall Color Tour (If Later) | November<br><br>Fall/Winter Tech Session   | December<br><br>Holiday Party!  |

\*\*And an MVVC picnic depending on when dates and volunteers work out!



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).

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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! Send articles to [newsletter@mvc.net](mailto:newsletter@mvc.net)

**Next Newsletter Deadline is February 1, 2016.**