



January through March

by Dan Peirce

January through March is a strange and special time for me. This is where I fill the heater with Diesel (great investment in Michigan is a diesel salamander heater) and make my changes/updates/maintenance to my VW, Ally. I have a bit of a theory or way of VW life where my goal is to do all repairs and upgrades to Ally during the "off" season so that when the weather turns pleasant I may go forth and cruise with the knowledge that all is well'ish. Every repair/upgrade season I have a plan and a budget. I usually stay to plan. Budget is at times a challenge but there is only so much I can do in one season. Last year it was mostly repair to the engine and suspension upgrades. This year is a more serious session as I found last year that some of the internal damage to the motor was pointing to a worn out short block. I had built that motor from the crank up 7 years and 70,000 miles ago. It was a great motor and powered me to winning races as well as lots of long distance travel and cruising. It ran a tad hot and was always sweating oil but the power was not to be denied. I noticed that lately the power was starting to wane and that #1 cylinder was giving me much trouble and showed signs of detonation as well as cylinder wall damage. Also the front of the crank ("front" when referring to the engine is pointing toward the back of the vehicle in a bug, and "left" and "right" are oriented to sitting in the vehicle behind the wheel for future reference) was leaking oil pretty badly. After the short block was torn down we figured out that the #1 cylinder had worn down a lobe on the cam. Also we found 2 bad main bearings that were beginning to come apart. This rebuild will include almost everything replaced including an engine block upgrade. The only original parts will be the crank and rods. I am now in the middle

of the reassembly and am hoping that I get another 7 years or 70,000 miles out of this engine. The heads are also upgraded to breath better (which may have affected the overheating from a restrictive exhaust port). By spring Ally will be ready for adventure. I am very excited about 2016 and so should all VW show goers. There are some mighty fun stuff going on this spring/summer/fall. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and here is to a new year of repair/re-engineering and fun. Now go out to the garage crank up the heat and daydream of some fun adventure!



Check out the club store and get your Hoodie with the club logo on the back. They are \$30.00 each and we have sizes M - XL.

You can also purchase a club t-shirt for \$15.00.

Follow this link to get to the Store.

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

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Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

Welcome to 2016

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 Stahl's Museum in Chesterfield was a success. The Dakota Inn event in January was also well attended. Some



pictures of both events are included in this newsletter.

So far in early February, the groundhog did not see his shadow, the weather is not as cold as last year, and our snow levels are minimal. 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 and blizzard conditions for the rest of winter in Michigan.

I have started my personal "100 Day Countdown" again this year. It begins on Christmas Day, and one day is subtracted for each day thereafter. (i.e, December 30 = 95.) On Valentine's Day, it will be at "49." This helps me get through the dreariest parts of winter. By the time we reach "0" the weather will have improved enough to take our collector cars out in nice weather without having to consider salt remaining on our roads. It will also be nice convertible weather so we can drive "topless" without looking silly

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. (www.mvvc.net).

We have begun some early planning for our 29th Annual Festival scheduled for Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2015. It will again be held at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. Mark your Calendar!

The Theme this year will be "Adventure Volkswagen." (Whether you are going to the corner store or going around the world, it is always an adventure in a Volkswagen.)

Wayne Burling and Dan Pierce will again Co-Chair this event.

There are different events being planned for the Saturday before the Festival; a Slow Speed Slalom, similar to last year's event, followed by a Concert in the Park featuring the "Magic Bus"

band.. We can display our cars at the Concert, drawing additional interest to our Show/Festival the next day. Admission to the Concert will be \$10.00 each at the gate.

Please note that there will be no camping or overnight parking at Riverside Park.

On Sunday, we will be having our traditional Show and Swap Meet in the Park.

New this year, your early 2016 Dues payment will also apply to admission to our Sunday Festival at Riverside Park in May. (There will be no added cost for your Sunday Festival entry.)

More details of this will be presented at an Informational Meeting beforehand. Stay tuned for the date, time and location.

The opportunity to show our VW's at this year's Concours d'Elegance is short of the 10 entries suggested. We had been asked to provide a "Circle of Volkswagens" at the next Concours show (in 2016). There will be only ten 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 "Sports Bug", a type 34 Karmann Ghia, a "Thing", and an early 23 window van for example.

So far, I have received interest from the following:

- Rick Hooten - 1960 SO 23
- Thomas Borden - 1957 Vw Beetle
- Lynn Anderson - 1968 VW (Herbie)
- Ted Smith - 1959 Single Cab Pickup
- Jake Luikart - 1971 Karmann Ghia Coupe
- Holly Fisher - 1972 Karmann Ghia Convertible
- John Bickel - Oval Window
- Neil Harrison - 1990 Vanagon Westy

John Bickel also suggested that there was a DorMobile camper that may be available, owned from new by one family and maintained by Kristin?

The final 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: concoursusa.org.

I am hoping to offer more than 10 VW's to avoid a "take it or leave it" situation. If you want to participate, please let me know ASAP (hneil@mvc.net), with pictures and a short description of your entry. If we can't get 12 or more entries, by the end of February, I will thank the committee for their invitation and withdraw our potential entry.

We have 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 have also added "hoodies" in the same color and lettering format. If interested, see Wayne to purchase yours, or order on-line at the STORE link at www.mvvc.net.

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. Contact 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.

Daylight Savings Time returns on March 13, and Spring starts on March 20. Let's get ready for a fun season.

~Membership Renewal Reminder~

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After March 1, 2016 if your dues are not paid, you will be taken off our mailing list and marked as inactive.

This year if you are current on dues you will be admitted to the Sunday Festival free of charge.

Mail dues checks to: MVVC Membership, 14122 Jackson Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170

Adventure Volkswagen

May 21, 2016



May 22, 2016



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[Join us for an adventure in your Volkswagen](#)
[29th Annual Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival](#)
[May 21 - 22, 2016](#)

Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

Saturday, May 21, 2016

New this year!! Race and Concert 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 caravan back to Riverside Park for a Concert by the [Magic Bus Band](#).

**The cost for the Concert will be \$10.00 per person at the
gate!**



**Michigan Vintage
Volkswagen Festival**

A Musical Trip Back to the Woodstock Era

Magic Bus
SATURDAY, MAY 21
Riverside Park

[f](#) 1 W. Cross St. Ypsilanti, Michigan 
www.facebook.com/magicbusband www.magicbusband.com

The poster features a group of seven people, including a woman with a guitar, standing around a white Volkswagen van with a rainbow and 'Salute the Music' text. The background is a blue building.

Club members will be allowed to display our cars at the park, drawing interest to our Show/Festival the next day.

~~~~~ **Sunday, May 22, 2016** ~~~~~

Gates Open 9:00am to 3:00pm

New this year!!

Vehicle Registration of \$15.00 at the gate will automatically pay dues for one year either renewal or New Membership.

Active dues paid members will be let in the show for free.

### 2015 Christmas Party and Membership Meeting



## 2016 Dakota Inn



## Upcoming Events

**More events will be added once dates have been set.**

\*MVVC event

02/27 & 28/2016 Annual Bus BRRR Presented by Buses by the Beach! Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana

02/28/2016 Greater Toledo VW Club's Packo's Cabin Fever ! The Original Tony

Packos, Toledo, Ohio

03/13/2016 Michigan Buggy Builders Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

\*04/17/2016 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spring VW Tech Session at Munk's

04/16/2016 The Northeast Illinois Volkswagen Association's Annual Indoor VW  
Parts & Accessories Swap Meet DuPage County Fairgrounds

\*05/21 & 22/2016 Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival Ypsilanti, Riverside Park

**Per the club By-Laws the treasurer is required to provide  
information on the club finances.**

**2015 Checking Account Cash Flow**

**INFLOWS**

|                                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MVVC Auction Proceeds                  | \$129.00           |
| MVVC Donation                          |                    |
| MVVC Donation:Donation Income          | \$101.00           |
| TOTAL MVVC Donation                    | \$101.00           |
| MVVC Dues                              | \$2,272.00         |
| MVVC Festival Income                   |                    |
| MVVC Festival Income:Auction Proceeds  | \$150.00           |
| MVVC Festival Income:Banquet           | \$85.00            |
| MVVC Festival Income:Club Booth        | \$190.00           |
| MVVC Festival Income:Front Gate        | \$5,033.00         |
| MVVC Festival Income:MVVC Sponsorships | \$5,150.00         |
| MVVC Festival Income:Swap              | \$860.00           |
| MVVC Festival Income:VehiclePreReg     | \$288.00           |
| TOTAL MVVC Festival Income             | \$11,756.00        |
| MVVC Merchandise                       | \$60.00            |
| <b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>                   | <b>\$14,318.00</b> |

**OUTFLOWS**

|                                         |                    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank Charge                             | \$2.25             |
| MVVC Business                           | \$1,386.68         |
| MVVC Business:Mailing Costs             | \$42.11            |
| MVVC Business:Memorial Donation         | \$75.00            |
| MVVC Business:Merchandise               | \$1,461.23         |
| MVVC Business:Nametag Printing          | \$170.29           |
| MVVC Business:Paypal Fees               | \$26.94            |
| MVVC Business:Square Fees               | \$1.36             |
| MVVC Business:Storage                   | \$478.17           |
| TOTAL MVVC Business                     | \$3,641.78         |
| MVVC Events                             | \$271.51           |
| MVVC Events:Annual Picnic               | \$77.71            |
| MVVC Events:Holiday Party               | \$662.84           |
| TOTAL MVVC Events                       | \$1,012.06         |
| MVVC Festival Expenses                  | \$900.77           |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Auction Proceeds | \$164.00           |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Banquet Expence  | \$174.16           |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Executive fees   | \$2,632.04         |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Mailing Costs    | \$34.01            |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Merchandise      | \$325.56           |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:PayPal Fees      | \$16.27            |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:Printing         | \$769.90           |
| TOTAL MVVC Festival Expenses            | \$5,016.71         |
| MVVC Legal Fees                         | \$20.00            |
| MVVC Office Supplies                    | \$352.18           |
| MVVC Postage                            | \$230.71           |
| MVVC Website                            | \$513.64           |
| VVWCA Dues                              | \$225.00           |
| <b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>                   | <b>\$11,014.33</b> |

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**OVERALL TOTAL** **\$3,303.67**

**This is the 2015 Cash Flow from PayPal**

**INFLOWS**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| MVVC Dues                    | \$390.00 |
| MVVC Festival Income         |          |
| MVVC Festival Income:Banquet | \$20.00  |
| MVVC Festival Income:Swap    | \$75.00  |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MVVC Festival Income:VehiclePreReg | \$228.00        |
| TOTAL MVVC Festival Income         | \$323.00        |
| MVVC Merchandise                   | \$144.00        |
| <b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>               | <b>\$857.00</b> |

**OUTFLOWS**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| MVVC Business                      |                |
| MVVC Business:Mailing Costs        | \$16.55        |
| MVVC Business:Paypal Fees          | \$26.94        |
| MVVC Business:Postage Recieved     | (\$36.80)      |
| TOTAL MVVC Business                | \$6.69         |
| MVVC Festival Expenses             |                |
| MVVC Festival Expenses:PayPal Fees | \$16.27        |
| TOTAL MVVC Festival Expenses       | \$16.27        |
| MVVC Postage                       | \$5.25         |
| <b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>              | <b>\$28.21</b> |

**OVERALL TOTAL** **\$828.79**



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).

### **Contact Information for 2016 MVVC Board & Staff**

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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 March 31, 2016.**