

# MVVC Quarterly Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2016



## Adventure Volkswagen

May 21, 2016



May 22, 2016



Whether you are going to the corner store, or going around the world, it is always an adventure in a Volkswagen

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

## ***This year's Schedule***

**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 will be \$10.00 per person at the gate!**



[Download Festival Magic Bus Band Flyer](#)

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:

## *The 29th Annual M V V C Festival*

Gates Open 9:00am to 3:00pm

Entrance off Cross Street.	
Walk-in Spectators Fee:	\$5.00 at the Gate
Car Show Entry: MVVC Membership New and Renewal:	\$15.00 at the Gate (includes new and renewal membership)
Entrance off Michigan Avenue - 7:00 am thru 9:00 am only	
Swap Space Entry:	\$20.00 at the Gate \$15.00 <a href="#">Pre-Registration thru May 12th</a> + \$15.00 for <a href="#">Show Car Entry</a> (includes Membership New and Renewal)

New this year!!

1. 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.
2. Come see the 1955 VW that went around the world 3 times and is still being driven today.



## To make Hotel Reservations:

We have 12 Double rooms reserved at the

**Comfort Inn**

**2376 Carpenter Road**

**US 23 & Washtenaw Ave.**

**Ann Arbor, MI 48108**

**Rates only valid thru May 5th, 2016**

Check in 2:00pm and check out 11:00am.

Our rate is \$89.99 a night plus tax.

In order to receive the discount, you must.

Contact Silvia Hanna between 9-4 at (734)477-9977

Identify that you are with the **Vintage Volkswagen Festival**

All reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card.

The hotel will not hold any reservations without a guarantee.

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes.



## OR:

We have 12 Double rooms reserved at the

**Days Inn**

**2380 Carpenter Road**

**US 23 & Washtenaw Ave.**

**Ann Arbor, MI 48108**

Rates only valid thru May 5th, 2016

Check in 2:00pm and check out 11:00am.

Our rate is \$69.99 a night plus tax.

In order to receive the discount, you must.

Contact John Hakim between 9-4 at (734)971-0700

Identify that you are with the **Vintage Volkswagen Festival**

All reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card.

The hotel will not hold any reservations without a guarantee.

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***Please Volunteer to work at least 1 hour***

*MVVC Members & Supporters:*

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

[Please sign up today for a festival work assignment!](#)



## Spring is in the air!

by Dan Peirce

Very soon most VW owners will be knocking the winter dust off their cars/trucks/busses and giving them their spring service. Of course the most exciting part is the first start of 2016! But before you get all excited and turn that key maybe we should look over a few things first.

- Oil level and condition?
- Check all fuel lines for any that look dry or cracked or just plain old and replace them.
- Do any wires look frayed or bare and touching metal?
- Valve adjustment is a nice thing to do while the engine is stone cold so why not break out the 13mm wrench and your favorite flat slot screwdriver?
- Maybe check the static timing for fun.
- Put the battery on a charge if you have not had it on a battery tender (a nice under 20.00 purchase at Harbor Freight for those looking for a Christmas present!).
- Check tire pressures.
- And then..... Before the first start. Check the fire extinguisher. Don't have one? Get one. Have one over 2 years old? Have it checked. Now.

I recently had an incident with my new engine that I had been working on all winter. It was finally done at much expense and blood/sweat/time (yes literally). I had my big garage extinguisher behind the car and one in the car in its holder that I always have in the car. I have had multiple "Thermal Events" in my time so I'm usually very mindful of such things (fool me once...). Anyway as usual with such important events in my life I set up a video camera to record the coming event no matter how it turned out (failure is always an option always get it on film!). I started the motor and it roared to life after some timing adjustments. So next job is to let it run at 2000 rpm for 20 minutes to break in the new cam. About 5 minutes into the run the # 3 exhaust pushrod nipped the pushrod tube pushing it out of the hole on the block. This let a nice stream of oil right onto the hot exhaust. From the drivers

seat I saw a little bit of smoke but nothing out of the ordinary for a new motor. Then the smoke got a bit heavier and I started to think about an abort. Then I saw some orange light in the rear view mirror and I shut her down as quick as I could. I jumped out of the car and raced for the big extinguisher conveniently located behind the car and pulled the trigger aaaaaaand.... Nothing.... AAAACK a failure! I was actually kind of dumbfounded. So I dove into the car and grabbed my handy small extinguisher! Went to the back of the car aaaaaaand..... Nothing again!!



WHAT IS GOING ON!!!! At this point my Neanderthal brain had kicked in and instead of going for the kitty litter (would have been a better choice) I went for a case of Kroger water bottles in the garage I keep for my sports loving teenagers. I grabbed a few bottles and as dumb luck would have it I got the fire out. Somehow I did not spread the fire which is really what should happen when you throw water on an oil fire. Yes the video is on YouTube for your entertainment.

<https://youtu.be/RSQCnTy32xo>

I fixed the pushrod tube and the second run was a lot less exciting. The third even less. So what have we learned today? Turns out the Large extinguisher was much older than I thought. I'd look at it from time to time and the gage read charged. Turns out in time the chemical hardens and then becomes unusable. The fire extinguisher is rechargeable and should be serviced yearly!!! The little extinguisher actually should have worked and the manufacturer replaced it with a better quality version. I actually got some sage advice from fellow MVVC member Ben Boyle who stated that due to his lack of trust in all things mechanical (wonder where he got that from!) he always has a large box of baking soda nearby for oil fires both in the garage as well as the kitchen. It turns out that the chemical properties of baking soda will snuff out an oil fire in no time. Also less mess to clean up than your typical fire extinguisher (been there done that!).

I recommend that all people check their fire extinguishers professionally or just replace them. It is cheap insurance with our very fire prone vehicles.

I wish everyone a safe and fun spring and I'll see you all at the MVVC Festival May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> where we can all enjoy each other's winter projects!



# Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

Hello all,

'Tis the season that we have been waiting for!

Time to dust off your car and bring it out for some fun. Check our website's Homepage ([www.mvvc.net](http://www.mvvc.net)) for upcoming events. Note that there is a more detailed listing of other VW events shown in the "events" Tab at upper left of that Homepage.

The Home page lists only MVVC events, while the Events page shows more varied opportunities. Both listings have been updated to include events and shows at nearby locations, as well as other not-so-near, but popular events. Pick some, and find a friend to travel with for maximum enjoyment.

Coming up on May 21 and 22 is our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. It will again be held at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti, and has been expanded to a two-day event!

Saturday will include a Slow Speed Slalom at the Yankee Air Museum like last year, followed by a



Concert in the Park by the Magic Bus Band.  
**those attending.**

**There is a \$10.00 Concert fee for**

Sunday will feature a Car Show and Swap Meet as well as some special Featured Cars for our "Adventure Volkswagen" Theme. Come see the 1955 VW "Once More" car that has been around the world 3 times and has raced for speed records at Bonneville in the 36hp class.....



Your Annual Dues payment allows free access to the Sunday Car Show Festivities. Also, note that we will have Girl Scouts to help at the gate and other duties heretofore needing member support. There are still some spots needing your support. [See the Festival volunteer section for details.](#)

Remember to wear your Club shirt and name badge! (These are available online or from Wayne Burling.) Also, check your glove compartment for MVVC Flyers. These are a handy way to invite prospective new members to join our Club. Remember, we decided to include air and water cooled Volkswagens into the Club a few years back!

See me for Flyers.

Some event organizers request a "RSVP" for planning purposes. It is important that you respond with your intent so that adequate space or support can be obtained for the event. If something changes, you can always remove your name if you let the organizer know as well. (Facebook allows this directly by pressing the "Going" Tab. You can also change this back if needed.)

Lastly, a big Thank You to Munk's Motors of Waterford for hosting another VW Tech Session. It was well attended, and informative as usual. We met some new members there!

Hope to see you at future events. I'll be wearing my Club T-shirt and name badge!

## VW Chassis Numbers

What is a Chassis Number and why does it matter?

Fundamentally, a VW chassis number is your Vehicle's Identification Number. But, more important to a VW enthusiast is that knowing the number(s) of your vehicle will enable you to correctly identify the production year (and sometimes month) of your car which, in turn, enables you to deduce what parts, options, features, and modifications are appropriate for it. VW used to introduce improvements into their cars when they were ready, and didn't wait until the next "model year" to implement them. For example, early 1973 Beetles and Supers had a generator and fuel pump (and pushrod) that was DIFFERENT from the mid 73' and newer cars (alternator equipped).



The chassis number is typically located in more than one place on VWs, and those locations may change depending on the production year. One of the ways that Type 1 VW's are unique from the unibody vehicles of today is that the body and chassis were separate and interchangeable components. Over the years, for a variety of reasons, many bodies were been removed and remounted on newer or older chassis. It is useful (and recommended) to compare the body and chassis numbers of a VW before buying it, in order to know if you are getting an original pan/body combination (if that matters to you), or a vehicle that has been disassembled and restored/changed in the years since it was originally produced at the factory. Although there are legitimate reasons for a VW to have different body versus chassis numbers, non-matching body and chassis numbers can also be a red flag for a stolen vehicle. You will want to have the DMV check both numbers before purchasing one. (Better safe than sorry!) You need to be certain to check ALL of the ID number locations on a vehicle in order to know exactly what you are getting (or have acquired).

### TYPE 1 (Beetle, SuperBeetle, Ghia, Thing) CHASSIS NUMBERS

Possible Chassis Number Locations on a Type 1:

- Under the back seat, stamped on the floor pan just forward of the transmission linkage access cover
- On the chassis identification plate (a silver aluminum plate riveted in the trunk, near the spare tire).
- On the vehicle ID plate fastened to the dash near the windshield on the driver's side (vehicles made after January 1, 1969).

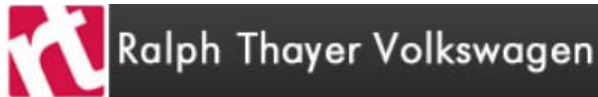
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**\*asterisk indicates monthly chassis and production information available**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Beetle</b>  (German Production)	<b>SuperBeetle</b>  (German Production)	<b>Ghia</b>  (Worldwide Production)	<b>Thing</b>  (Mexican Production)
<b>1940</b>	<b>1-000 01</b>			
<b>1946</b>	<b>1-053 814</b>			
<b>1947</b>	<b>1-063 796</b>			
<b>1948</b>	<b>1-072 743 *</b>			
<b>1949</b>	<b>1-091 921 *</b>			
<b>1950</b>	<b>1-138 554 *</b>			

1951	1-220 829 *			
1952	1-313 829 *			
1953	1-397 023 *			
1954	1-575 415 *			
1955	1-781 884 *			
1956	1 929 746 *		929746	
1957	1 394 119 *		1060929	
1958	1 160 440 *		1600 440	
1959	1 774 680 *		1774 680	
1960	2 528 668 *		2528 668	
1961	3 192 507 *		3192 507	
1962	4 010 995 *		4010 995	
1963	4 846 835 *		4846 836	
1964	5 677 119 *		5677 119	
1965	115 000 001 *		145 000 001	
1966	116 000 001 *		146 000 001	
1967	117 000 001 *		147 000 001	
1968	118 000 001 *		148 000 001	
1969	119 000 001 *		149 000 001	
1970	110 2000 001 *		140 2000 001	
1971	111 2000 001	111 2000 001	141 2000 001	
1972	112 3200 000	112 2000 001	142 2000 001	
1973	113 2000 001	133 2000 001	143 2000 001	183 2000 001
1974	114 2000 001	134 2000 001	144 2000 001	184 2000 001
1975	115 2000 001	135 2000 001		
1976	116 2000 001	156 2000 001		
1977	117 2000 001	157 2000 001		
1978	118 2000 001	158 2000 001		
1979		159 2000 001		

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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 July 31, 2016.**