



YEAR IN REVIEW

By Dan Peirce

It is hard to believe that fall has arrived and we have completed our 2016 Color tour! The event was a success with 17 cars in attendance. I think everyone had fun and I don't think there was any real mechanical failure. I want to thank fellow board member Larry Kabrick for stepping up and creating a wonderful tour for us all to enjoy.

I'd now like to talk about some of the triumphs and challenges MVVC has had this year.

The Ypsilanti show was a wonderful success with record entrants as well as record numbers coming to enjoy the show. It was a pleasure and an honor to have the "Once More" car and owner Emmanuel Thuillier in attendance. The car did not disappoint and I found Emmanuel to be a wonderful guest who really enjoyed the show and who may visit us again next year. He made it clear that our event struck him as different than other VW events as he and his vehicle were treated with warmth respect by everyone he met. He states this is not always the case. I am very happy that he had a great time and was able to share the car with us.

The effort to make our show a true two day event was a mixed success. On Saturday we did indeed have a great day of racing. Our first ever concert in the park event with car show was a lot of fun and we had around 150 people show up for it. The challenge for the Saturday event was more of a financial one. The expense of the band combined with the property rental and security and many other expenses that we incurred due to the concert created a situation where we could not get enough show goers to cover expenses. We as a board are still talking about alternate options for next year and are open to all ideas from the club as to how we can build the event into a full weekend without putting the club in financial danger. Some of the options discussed were expanding the racing part of the day and then

ending back at the hotel for a dinner (a very fiscally responsible solution). We could hire a much less expensive band or even have an open "ie. free" roster of local bands. Mind you the quality and type of music played may not be acceptable to show goers and also we would need to get a sound system which is far from free, and then there is still land rental etc., etc., etc. We could find a sponsor who wishes to donate between 3000.00 - 5000.00 for the event depending on if we want to charge an entrance fee. This will be a difficult road as this is the current challenge we face every year to retain our current valued sponsors (**support your sponsors folks as they support us!**). If any member knows of a source of income to pay for this event please have them contact me (ie. have the money person contact me; not throw lots of business names at me, I know all about Meijers, Pepsi, Coke, Dominos, they are not interested after hours of jumping through hoops). As you can see there has been a lot of discussion on this issue and I expect much more discussion before the event next year. I personally vote for the extended day of racing / food as that is fun and yet very affordable to the club.

Much talk has been made this year of the events available, and their location for our club members. A large portion of our club is in the Detroit metro area so that many of the events tend to be in that area. It must be stressed that **ANY CLUB MEMBER CAN HOST AN EVENT**. The advantages of doing this are many. First and most important advantage is that the host gets to set the location and date of the event. Though that may affect attendance if it is going on during another event or is too far out of the way for most to attend. Still; we as a club will promote and support any member of the club who wishes to do this. There are no rules stating we cannot have similar events in different regions even at the same time. Please respect those hosting the event without questioning their reasoning for location or time. If you wish to make changes to someone else's event then I suggest you consider making a local event to your liking. I think it is disheartening to hear of members who put much time and effort into an event only to be questioned by others as to the details. We are all in this together and while I enjoy constructive criticism many do not.

If anyone is thinking of getting some winter work done on their car and have a place to work on it feel free to make a pizza party event; and we can make a club event out of it! Or maybe contact Munk's Motors for one of their famous motor head events and invite the club to come help with an issue there.

I am looking forward to the Christmas party and seeing new and old friends. As much as I hate to put my car away for the winter I do enjoy tinkering on it and am already putting together a game plan.

I wish you and yours a great holiday season and please contact your board with any questions/challenges. Remember your board is always working for you.



Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

November ... mark your calendar for the VW Tech Session at Munk's Motors in Waterford on November 13 ... and then get ready to store your VW for the winter (if you have not already done so!).

December ... mark your calendar for the Club's Annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting on December 4 at the Sidetrack restaurant in Ypsilanti ... and then enjoy your many friends and the holidays before the end of 2016.

Bring an unwrapped gift to the Christmas Party and any VW memorabilia for donation. There will be an auction to benefit Starfish Family Services. The donated gifts will also be given to Starfish.

January ... Annual Dues are due in January, 2017, again \$15.00 for the year. We will be offering free admission to the Sunday Festival in May for paid members!

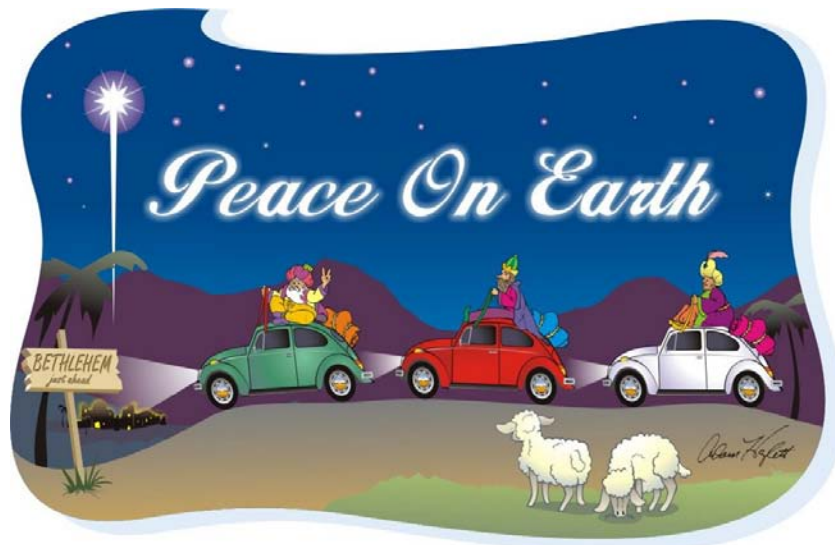
Early planning for our 2017 Festival will include a Saturday slalom, but not a concert event. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

As our geographic area encompasses "Michigan," several members are looking for events closer to home. We support this activity, and would be happy to plan an event closer to your location, but need your help to make this happen. Suggestions should be directed to the Events Coordinator. Our members often travel long distances for fun events, so don't be shy!

We have made nametags available to spouses at no additional cost to members. Order yours from Wayne Burling when you receive this newsletter (eMail to wayne@mvc.net). Hopefully the completed nametags will be available at our Annual Christmas Party and Membership meeting in December.

Don't be afraid to wear your nametag to Club events.

It was a good year! See you at Munk's and at The Sidetrack for our Annual Meeting.



You are invited to our

Annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting

Sidetrack Bar and Grill

56 East Cross Street

Depot Town

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Sunday, December 4, 2016 – 2:00 pm thru 6:00 pm

This is our annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting.

We will be having our usual auction for charity.

We also will be collecting gifts for distribution to our charity.

The charity again this year will be Starfish Services

We are requesting an RSVP so we can give them a head count.

Please RSVP to Wayne Burling at (734) 377-0696 or by email

(wayne@mvc.net)

before November 20, 2016.



The MVVC needs your help!

We are in need of an Event Coordinator. Debra will be stepping down at the end of the year.

Here is the description of the position:

The Events Coordinator shall attend all meetings of the Executive Board as a voting member of the board. The Events Coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, and shall be responsible for coordinating the club's events. He/She is responsible for coordinating the organization of the events. The Event Coordinator shall attend all scheduled events, or appoint a club member to chair the event. He/She is responsible for requesting the assistance and the participation of club members at events, is responsible for communication of event details to webmaster and newsletter chairperson in a timely fashion, and is responsible for communication with treasurer regarding expenses and funds needed.

If you are interested in filling the Event Coordinator position, or know someone who is interested, please contact H. Neil Reichard at (hneil@mvvc.net).

Remember the board cannot run all of the events for the club.

We will be holding elections for the board members during the Christmas party / Membership meeting. H. Neil Reichard is willing to stay on as President, Dan Peirce is willing to stay on as Vice President, Larry Kabrick is willing to stay on as Secretary, and Wayne Burling is willing to stay on as Treasurer/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor. If there is anyone who would like to run for a position on the board please let H. Neil Reichard know at (hneil@mvvc.net)

Please Welcome out newest Members

firstname	lastname
Anthony	Bauman
Brian	Bruxvoort
Debra	Carleton
Ron	Cope
Rye	Guren
Nhia Toua	Hang
Doyle	McKay
Test	Member
Farzad	Modiri
Robert	Nelson
Leonard	Norris
Chris	Schroer
David	Secord
George	Turner

Check out our club store



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.

We also have limited quantities of Official Licenced VW t-shirts for \$8.00 each.



Sizes are:

Dark: Small - 2, Medium - 4, XL - 1



Light: Small - 3, Large - 3, XL - 2, 2X - 2

Follow this link to get to the Store.

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



The MVVC is a Chapter of the Vintage Volkswagen Club of America (VVCWA). Members are encouraged to also join and support the VVCWA. Membership is separate from the MVVC membership. Applications for the national club may be found at : www.vvcwa.com.

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