



MVVC Quarterly Newsletter

2017 Third Quarter

Greetings to all fellow MVVC'ers.

by Dan Peirce

I hope you are all in good spirits with the good weather and that your enjoying your VW's and having fine adventures with them. I am by nature a pretty upbeat guy and when things get bleak I generally double down, put my back into the issue and push harder till things work out. It is in my nature to do so. Most winters with my car Ally are spent pushing the envelope of its performance with updates to the engine, transmission, electrical, and suspension.

Most years I jump hurdles and face the challenges presented by the modifications and by the time our Festival has arrived Ally is available for fun and games. This winter I upgraded the engine to accept a new fuel and spark management system called mega squirt 3. This is a neat system in that you can configure it to run on almost anything from a lawn mower to a Ferrari. I wanted to delete the distributor and instead utilize a GM based LS-2 coil pack ignition system. I would reuse my CB performance throttle bodies but would upgrade the injectors so that I could run E85 fuel which is supposed to run cleaner, cooler, and have a higher-octane rating. Now I have grown up with carbs and points like most reading this article but I felt it was time to upgrade myself as well as Ally.

The learning curve was steep so I enlisted the help of a young gentleman that has built and programmed these systems in the past with much success. Mind you this young gentleman was more of a tuner of water cooled vehicles but I did also have the help of the online community and a company called The Dub Shop run by a wonderful gentleman named Mario. With all this help and a lot of time wiring and configuring I got Ally's new system ready for some 3 weeks before the VW festival (WINNING!). However, during a test drive, I had an internal oiling failure that resulted in a spun #3 rod bearing and some minor crankshaft damage. All looked very bleak indeed. So, I did what I always do. I removed the motor and called out to the VW community for help. I was answered by Steve Norris (of Norris Racing). Despite the short turnaround time needed to make the show/race, he not only was able to repair the internal damage but also made many needed modifications to the crank/rods/block to prevent any future oil failures. I did make the show and Ally did very well indeed on the slalom course that we set up this year.

The show was a success despite a torrential rain fall near the end of the show. I was still fighting oiling issues of a different kind during the show/race in that the oil cooler I was using seemed to like to pop off oil hoses. Whenever this occurred (3x) the engine would very quickly lose 3 quarts of oil and while I usually caught it quickly I am sure the oil starvation was not appreciated by the fresh motor. After deciding to invest in a new oil cooler and fan assembly I could now drive Ally again HUZZA! Well not so fast (or far). While running pretty well it would overheat after 10 miles of continuous driving. After it got hot the oil pressure would also drop. Hmm. So I am still working on this issue from many different fronts. I am installing some EMPI oil pressure springs/pistons to raise the oil pressure.

Then I swapped out the E85 for some 97 octane fuel. And then I will play with the timing and fuel ratio as I may need to fatten this buggie up a bit to survive out in the wild. The good news is no clunking or banging noises yet from the motor and it seems to run fine enough. Still this is an issue not yet resolved. So the quest continues. I will persevere and throw my back into it and not give up until the task is finished. That being said 2017 has not been as fun as it could be and I see myself going to many of my favorite car shows in my new 2017 Focus.



2017 Shows & Cruises (MI, OH, IN, IL) to plan your summer vacations around!

Clip this and put it on your fridge! **Green are MVVC Events!**

Aug 5th: Gilmore Red Barns Spectacular (Hickory Corners MI)

Aug 6th: Troy Traffic Jam (Troy MI)

Aug 6th: Clinton Twp Gratiot Cruise (Clinton Twp MI)

Aug 12th: Central Ohio Volksfest (Pataskala OH)

Aug 17th: Back to the Bricks Rollhaven (Flint MI)

Aug 19th: Woodward Dream Cruise (Bloomfield MI)

Aug 19th: Old Fort Show (Fort Wayne IN)

Aug 25-26th: Hot Wheels Weekend (Marysville MI)

Aug 26th: Northern Wortherssee (Frankenmuth MI)

Aug 26th: Windy City Dub Fest (Grayslake IL)

Aug 27th: Hines Drive Cruise (Livonia MI)

Aug 30th: Harper Cruise (St. Clair Shores MI)

Sept 1st: Volksfest Cruise (Goshen IN)

Sept 1-4th: Buses Nowhere Near The Arch (Mark Twain Lake MO)

Sept 2nd: Dubs in Geneva (Geneva on the Lake OH)

Sept 8th: Auto Fest (Frankenmuth MI)

Sept 10th: Barnum's Buggy Show (Millington MI)

Sept 17th: Toledo Bugfest (Perrysburg OH)

Sept 17th: VW Fest (Crystal Lake IL)

Sept 22-23rd: City of Firsts Oktoberfest (Kokomo IN)

Sept 23rd: VW Invasion (Wheeling IL)

Sept 24th: VW Porsche Reunion (Cincinnati OH)

Sept 29-Oct 1st: Bus Boo Campout (Dorr MI)

Sept 30th: North Gratiot Cruise (Chesterfield MI)

Oct 1st: US-131 Bug Run (Martin MI)

Oct 14: Volktoberfest (Indianapolis IN)





Prez Sez!

The Ramblings of Your MVVC President-H. Neil Reichard

It is late July, but there are still plenty of opportunities to take your VW out for a spin or go to a car show event. Sometimes there are two events scheduled for the same day, like the LaFontaine VW support of the Telegraph Cruise in Dearborn and the 60s Songfest in Port Sanilac. Just pick one, meet with some friends, and enjoy the day with your



VW!

Some of the notable events in August include the “Back to the Bricks” event at Rollhaven in Flint and the Woodward Dream



Cruise at Kerby’s Coney Island at Square Lake Road. Later in the month is the Northern Wothersee show in Frankenmuth, followed immediately by the Hines Drive Cruise.

September follows with Barnum’s Buggy Show in Millington

and the Toledo BugFest in Perrysburg, OH.

You can find me and my 1973 Type 3 Squareback at the above events. I will be wearing my Club T-shirt and Nametag. Please do the same!

There are also other events shown in our listings (see MVVC Events Tab)

Remember to drive safely on the roads, and wear your seatbelts (if so equipped).

Sometimes organizers ask for a headcount for planning purposes. If the event shows on Face Book, please check the “Going” or “Interested” button to indicate your intentions. This is especially critical for our year-end Banquet and food planning purposes.

Have fun with your VW and enjoy the rest of the summer!

H. Neil



Please Welcome our newest Members

Kelly	Bennett	Ian	Mahoney
Richard	Bennett	Kathy	McCormick
Mariano	Carbajaces	Michael	Meixner
Jeff	Delano	John	Morris
Jeff	Eichenlaub	Nick	Motter
Dominique	Garard	Bruce	Scott
Gary	Gavit	Kim	Scott
Julie	Gavit	Joao	Simoes
Martin	George	Nick	Smith
Jeff	Gogour	Kevin	Souders
Kevin	Halash	Jerry	Tyler
Tracy	Hand	Mike VW	Vanderliek
Sam	Hartford	James	Howrath
Brian	Holt	Michael	Kapps
Mike	Honsowetz	Sue	Harfmann
Terry	Hutchinson	Joseph	Jozwiak
Roger	Knapp	Spencer	Secreto
Gavin	LaMaidie		

Reminder!!

All Memberships renew on December 31st.

Send your dues to:

MVVC Membership, 14122 Jackson Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170

or

You can pay online at

<https://www.mvvc.net/membership/>

New For Sale Section coming next newsletter.

We have been getting several requests from people wanting to sell their VW or parts.

This section will be for anyone wishing to sell anything VW.

If you have anything that you want to sell please send an email with pictures to newsletter@mvvc.net.

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 \$12.00.

Club carry - all bag with full color club logo. \$5.00



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 (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.

10 Things You Experience As The Owner Of A Vintage Volkswagen Beetle

<https://thoughtcatalog.com/anne-solomon/2014/08/10-things-you-experience-as-the-owner-of-a-vintage-volkswagen-beetle/>

These days we're filled with so much change we never expected 10 years ago – new phones, new technologies, new cars. Even Volkswagen recently launched its new line up of models – including a new Beetle. Everything around us is evolving and as nice it is to have that new car smell, nothing beats the classics. So here are 10 things you've probably experienced if you own one of these classic Beetles, because let's face it, in a world that's constantly changing, it's nice to slow down once in a while in one of these babies.



1. You've been asked (at least once) what year your VW Beetle is.
2. You know how the Germans pronounce the word "Volkswagen" – folks-vaygen
3. You have to show people where your gas tank (it's probably found in your trunk)
4. Some parts of your car are only for show (radio, seatbelt, right side mirror)
5. People open your engine thinking it's your trunk – and open your trunk thinking it's where your engine is.
6. Your car has eyelids.
7. When you see other Beetles on the road, you honk your horns at each other as a kind of "Beetle hello."
8. People assume you got a VW Beetle because you like the movie Herbie.
9. And then they ask you why you didn't paint your car like Herbie.
10. You have a name for your car (but maybe not Herbie).

Reinventing the VW Microbus For the Eco-Age

<https://www.wired.com/2009/01/verdier-reinven/>



Canadian designer [Alexandre Verdier](#) has given the [cult-classic](#) VW Microbus an eco-overhaul that tastefully updates the iconic breadbox on wheels. The result is a slammed diesel hybrid sure to make hippies swoon and make car camping a whole lot cooler.

The van, dubbed, appropriately enough, the Verdier, packages the latest green-tech in a retro body that harkens back to the glory days of the VW bus and packs it full of high-tech gadgetry.

"The philosophy of this car is great," says Verdier. "It's a new way to use technology. I want to build a car that's low impact and makes the most out of nature."

Verdier claims to have a manufacturer lined up to build the van, and he hopes to have a prototype on the road by summer time.

The Verdier van will be equipped with a 4-speed automatic turbocharged bio-diesel hybrid drivetrain, so when you aren't running on electricity you're running on recycled veggie oil. The integrated [Sun Tracker](#) solar panel hooked up to a GPS and an onboard computer will position the solar array for optimum charging.

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The MVVC Newsletter Needs YOUR STORIES!

We publish this quarterly newsletter for you. 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!

Don't expect the board members to come up with articles for the newsletter.

*Remember the Newsletter is written FOR you and BY YOU!
Next Newsletter Deadline is October 28, 2017.*