



MVVC Quarterly Newsletter

2019 2nd Quarter



Welcome to Spring.

It is the time of year for our Annual Festival.

Your Car is the Star!

May 18 - 19, 2019

This year's festival will again be held at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti, MI

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Slow Speed Driving Course Challenge

At 12:00 noon we will meet for a Slow Speed Slalom timed course, that will average around 30 mph. It will be held at our Host Hotel

(Stay Bridge Suites 3850 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48108)

We are planning to have a food vendor there to provide a source for lunch.



Sunday, May 19, 2019

Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival

Gates Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain or shine)

Non-Judged Car Show Celebrating ALL VOLKSWAGEN powered Vehicles – Originals, restorations, customs, race cars, drag cars, kit cars, dune buggies, trikes, ratrods, daily beaters...

Special events are being planned for the day, including a slot car track.

Vehicle Registration of \$15.00 at the gate will automatically pay dues for one year, either renewal or New Membership. Active paid member's vehicle(s) will be admitted to the show for free. Walk-ins \$5.00 at gate.

Swap Spaces \$20.00 the day of the show!

Swap Entrance will only be open 7:00 - 9:00 am, use South gate off Michigan Ave.

Each Swap Space Size is 17 ft by 20 ft.

More information at www.mvvc.net/festival



Prez Sez!

The ramblings of Your MVVC President - Dan Pierce

As I write this there is a lot going on to get ready for the May show. The actual show is pretty well planned out and all is humming along. From a personal VW Ally standpoint it has been a small challenge. It is 18 days till the event and Ally is not sporting fenders and has not been really test driven since it's new engine replacement in December. Mind you it runs nice enough but until you run it down the road you do not know what is left to do.

Fender situation should be finalized within the week or so. Then I need to install said fenders and install all the lamps front and rear. Then install the bumpers which may or may not be the new white ones I have been toying with. Then it's down to test driving and reattaching what falls off!

While all this is going on there is a new job to learn and master, I have my GBU financial responsibilities as well as a Hunt for a replacement for the invisible van (2005 Caravan) which has been a great winter vehicle for my wife for years. Looking at some used large SUV's (I miss my Suburban something fierce). As well as the usual family responsibilities. So my plate is pretty full but such is VW life.



I am looking forward to the show and the official start to the car show season. I want to hit a few of the Cars and Coffee events in Pontiac. I really am looking forward to the cone racing as well as some car shows I really enjoy. The Bavarian Festival event is going to happen again year (winner winner free chicken dinner!) (check out events page).

I say pack as much stuff as you can do into as much time as you can. Life can be really fun or really boring. Why be boring. We can sleep when the snow returns! Get out there folks, let's have some Adventure!!

Dan Pierce MVVC president



Events Update, Second Quarter 2019

By Merritt Scott Collins

Events season is upon us once again, and here's a brief recap of our two most recent ones.

We had a Vintage VW Tech Session at Munk's Motors in Waterford on April 14th. Chris, Rick, and Larry demonstrated the easy way to remove an engine from a Beetle; how the ultrasonic cleaning machine makes grimy parts clean without scrubbing; a leak-down test, compression test, valve adjustment, and a head torque on a Bus.

The annual MVVC membership meeting at Aubree's in Ypsi was April 27th. Fifteen clubmembers came to hear an outline of this year's Festival, offer suggestions for future events, and eat good pizza. MVVC President Dan Pierce said the club is in good financial shape, noted the date of this year's color tour, and solicited locations for this year's holiday party. For those who weren't at the meeting, if you know of a good location – a private car collection, museum, or other interesting space – please let us know.

I'm excited to announce that we've added three more dates to the club calendar, including two that were well-received first-time events last summer.

June 7: Vintage German Car Show & Chicken Dinner at Zehnder's -- The vintage show and chicken dinner at Zehnder's will be the same format as last year. If you're willing to show your car in front of the restaurant that Friday for the kickoff of the Bavarian Festival, you'll get one free chicken dinner per car.

Sept. 1: Vintage VWs on the Hill at Waterford Hills -- Due to popular demand, "MVVC on the Hill" at Waterford Hills will happen again, and we hope to see you there in September! Watch a day of racing and then join a line of vintage Beetles and Buses, parading around the racetrack at low speed behind the pace car. Waterford's new Hoosier Tire distributor brought his Harlequin Golf last year, and I'll ask him if he's willing to bring it again this year. If you've never seen a Harlequin Golf in person, it's a sight to behold, and his is in pristine condition.

Oct. 19: Annual Color Tour This fall's Color Tour will be October 19. Exact time and route are still TBD, but plan to meet at Steve's European Auto. As soon as we hear more, we'll pass it on.

Next on the calendar is our own annual Festival. Cross your fingers for better weather than we've had in recent years.

And as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you hear of an event that might be a good time, so I can add it to the club's calendar.

Have a safe summer!



The art of cone racing

by Dan Pierce



The art of cone racing should be talked about since we will soon be having a MVVC slow slolum setup on May 18th. The first thing to remember is that this is a 1 car at time course that is a timed event. So really the only one you are racing is yourself. Your goal is to improve upon your times from the first run to your last. You want to optimize your vehicle and driving style to get the best time.

Yes you may compare your time to your buddies but remember that I have seen (been) beaten by much slower vehicles with much better drivers at the wheel and vice versa. This is a fun way to learn the limits of your VW in a safe environment as well as places you can improve in your driving skill.

Sometimes slow is fast. What does that mean? Well slow can be smoother... Smoother is faster. Therefore sometimes if you slow down in a spot where you find a challenge you may be faster overall. Another thing you will learn after a while is that you can manipulate the balance of a car so that it corners better and can make your car able to grip better.

An example would be how you go through your basic corner. I find you want to slow down into the entrance of the corner which transfers the weight to the front of the car. This will give the front tires more bite into the corner. At this point you point the car into the inside of the corner and accelerate in a metered way so that it balances the car. You will find that too much acceleration will lighten the front end and create an oversteer sensation where the front tires loose traction. Too much lift off throttle will lighten the rear and will make the rear of the car step out. If you modulate the throttle just right in the middle of the turn it will be in "balance". Toward the exit of the turn you want to fully accelerate to the oncoming strait. When done right it is a feeling like no other.

Make sure your oil is full and your belts correctly tightened. Retorque all your lug [nuts](#). Relax yourself when you pull up to the line. Focus on the start and then take off cleanly. Try to hug the cones but not to the point where you may fling a few (happens). At the end stop within the box created for this purpose. Get your slip and get ready to do it again. It is a heck of a lot of fun.

I look forward to seeing lots of our club members at the club hotel to take advantage of the free course. And of course afterwards we can retire to the hotel for a nice pizza party and movie and talk about that one turn that gave us the most challenge.

Dan Pierce MVVC President

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 \$35.00 for 2XL or 3XL.



You can also purchase a club t-shirt for \$12.00 sizes S - XL \$15.00 for 2XL or 3XL



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



These are embroidered with a version of the club logo.
\$25.00

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.

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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, 2019.

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