



# MVVC Quarterly Newsletter

## 2020 2nd Quarter



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The ramblings of your MVVC President — Dan Pierce

Greetings to all. Of course the world has changed much since my last article. If you had told any of us that we would basically be out of work for two months and that over 100,000 would die from a virus I would say you had been watching too many doomsday movies. But then this is the situation we find ourselves in. I hope you and your family are all safe and well. I have a few friends and acquaintances that have been hit with the virus and some have passed. It is hard to imagine the grief there families are going through and I hope none of you are in such a situation.

With the fact that the stay at home order is to go till at least May 1<sup>st</sup>, the board has decided to cancel the May Festival show. Also due to the virus concerns Frankenmuth will not have their Block party that we have a car show at. They have moved the date for the Bavarian Festival to a not yet disclosed date and will also cancel the Bavarian Festival Parade and Block party. As things are fluid if that changes I will let you all know.

We have been in contact with Sebastian Gaeta of AborMotion and he will be happy to host a VW Festival on his property ([669 State Cir, Ann Arbor, MI 48108](#)) on July 12<sup>th</sup>. He has also graciously offered his friends property next store to his business for the swap meet folks. We will still have the Slow Speed Slalom at the club hotel on July 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a pizza party as well as a movie night (no charge for members). Even though the show may be a bit tighter than usual, at least it is very close to the Club Hotel (Stay Bridge Suites 3850 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48108). This event may turn out to be a regular date for a second show if it works out.

As with our regular show if you are a member this show will be at no charge. If you are not a member there will be an expense of 15.00 to become a member. Which will then mean you may enter the show as a member at no charge. Due to the strangeness of the times and the possibility of less sponsorship money this year I would like to urge everyone to please pay their dues ahead of time (15.00 for the year). This will help us in two ways, firstly it will help the club pay for the upcoming show expenses as we will still have to get Port O Johns as well as the expense of the Boy Scouts who will still be working the gates. Also it will help cover the expense of the newsletter and other club expenses. please mail a check for 15.00 to:

MVVC Membership  
c/o Wayne Burling  
14122 Jackson Dr.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

And thank you for supporting the club. If you have not payed your 15.00 yearly dues by the end of May you may be taken off of the newsletter list.

I hope that everyone has been working on their VW's with the extra time you have had available to you. If you are considered an essential employee and were in a situation that they had to work through the pandemic we appreciate your service.



# BUSES OLD AND NEW

## RESCHEDULED

**Saturday, July 11, 2020**

### Slow Speed Driving Course Challenge

At 12:00 noon we will meet at our host hotel, the StayBridge Suites.

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

### 33rd Annual Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival

New location:

Arbor Motion

699 State Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108



Gates Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

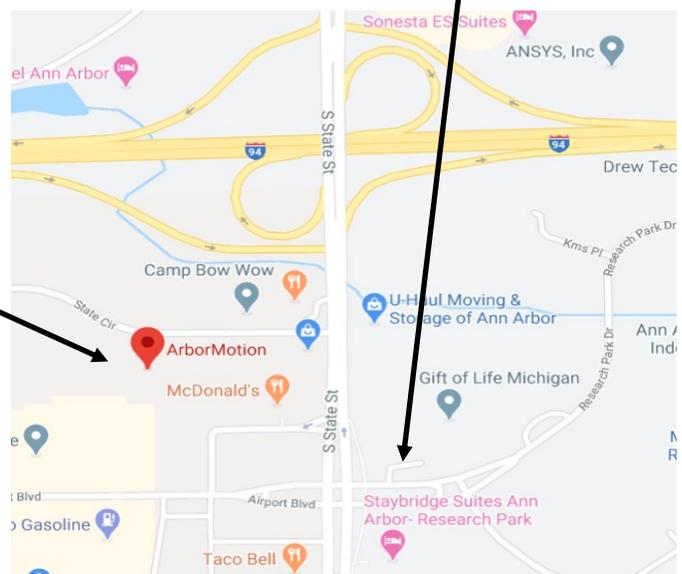


Our host hotel this year is the same as last year.

### **Stay Bridge Suites**

3850 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 8108

Our rate is \$98 / per night plus tax available until July 1, 2020. In order to receive the discount, you can call 734-213-1400 You will need to identify that you are with the Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival. You can also reserve your room online at this link, [Vintage Volkswagen Festival](#). You can change the length of stay by clicking on the Change Search button (upper right)





## Events Update, First Quarter 2020 By Merritt Scott Collins

**Cancelled** May 2: Annual MVVC membership meeting at Aubree's in Ypsilanti 2;00 - 5:00 pm \*

**Rescheduled July 11-12: Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Festival \***

May 22-25: Buses by the Beach Bus Benefit Campout.

June 7-8: Peacefest at LA Café in Waterford

June 20: Wayne Cruise

July 11: Deutsche Marques Car Show -- invites all German classics; this year celebrating the VW Bus

July 25: Telegraph Cruise \*

Aug. 15: Woodward Dream Cruise \*

Aug. 23: Cruisin' Hines \*

Sept. 11-13: Frankenmuth Auto Festival

Sept. 20: Orphan Car Show

Sept. 26: North Gratiot Cruise

Sept. 27: Bayfield Volksfest 5

\* indicates official MVVC events

## Check out our club store

Get your Hoodie with the club logo on the back. They are \$30.00 for sizes M, L, XL and \$35.00 for 2XL, 3XL.



These are the same hoodies we currently have with zipper front but with the color logo on the back. The cost will be \$40.00 for M, L, XL and \$45.00 for 2XL, 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.

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

# Ally Update, and Corona Projects

As I have had a little more free time due to the pandemic, I took the opportunity to get a little more garage time. I have no idea how stir crazy I would be if I did not have a VW hobby! I have other hobbies that I could also utilize but VW's are always an easy way to keep entertained.

The first task I tackled was cleaning out the garage. It was way overdue and I just never had the free time that I knew it would take to organize my boxes and boxes of VW parts. So I began by building a mongo heavy duty shelf unit. After that I moved all my "treasure" onto the shelving unit (and under) and then proceeded to throw out and give away some stuff. In the end I got back my "flat" bay.



I finished up Ally's new exhaust system and even took a pleasant test drive (new transmission is great). Ally is still waiting on her fenders which should be done in a week or so from Legue graphics. I decided to have them recovered and the flares done in a black carbon fiber as they were kind of rushed last year. Hopefully I can be driving Ally around and really enjoy the car this year.

I got a call from a local friend who was having some issues with his 1965 bug that had all sorts of juicy new parts on it which was great and all but it overheated the last time he drove it and now it would not run at all! I told him to flat tow it over and I'd be happy to

check it out for him. He could not understand the issue as it had a newly rebuilt dual port 1600 and new carburetor and distributor. I started with a compression test and was surprised to find only 25 - 30 psi per cylinder! The engine clearly was a new rebuild so this was an odd one. I was thinking he may have burnt some valves during the over heat incident but decided to go through my normal "my engine don't run checklist". I checked the valve adjustment and found that every one was way over tightened. I readjusted all the valves to spec. Next I rechecked the compression. All cylinders were now at 100 psi, which is a little more in line. Ally usually is in the 170 - 180 psi but that is a different beastie all together. At this point I got the car to start (barely) but it was not running so well. I put the timing light on it and was not so surprised to find that the engine was set off the charts advanced (maybe to get it to run on non closing valves??) anyway I reset the timing to spec and it was purring like a kitten. I checked the head bolts that I could get to (ok) and checked the carb that was an empi unit and was working flawlessly. It now starts with only one pump of the pedal and you can start it from outside the car. I took care of a few other little niggles that I saw and that was that.



That wraps up what has been going on in my world for the last couple of months. Did you know that "Initial D" (car enthusiast cartoon) is available on HULU?? If you have never seen it and don't mind some goofiness with some actual good driving instruction, you really need to see it.

I hope we all have a better summer than we did spring.



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).

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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 April 25, 2020.**

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