



MVVC NEWS

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT DAN PIERCE



Greetings to all MVVC members.

As we enter the fourth quarter, we can look back at a very busy 2023! We still have some more events going on to finish out the year, but I usually like to look back to the fun we've had and the things we accomplished.

In January, the board had its first meeting of 2023, and we started our planning for the year. In February, we had AutoRama in Detroit, which featured some of our members' cars in the show. Discussions with VGOA took place with their disapproval of our use of trademarked objects in our logo as well as discussions of whether we had approval to use "Volkswagen" in our club name. This discussion would continue throughout the year.

In March, we had many discussions about the upcoming festival with sponsors as well as board discussions, and many of us attended the Buggy Builders show.

April brought our first Cars and Coffee at Munks Motors, and there were car meets starting up all over it seemed. Also, this is when I usually start sending out requests to sponsors and begin the process of nailing down sponsorship funds for the festival.

In May, we had a second Cars and Coffee at Munks. Back to the Bricks had a dust off show that was a lot of fun as well as very well attended. Many more car meets started popping up. Many were started by random folks who wanted to have a get-together (as it should be). All sponsorships were in line. All approvals with VGOA were finalized and signed, and we were ready for the show!

June arrived, and with it, the Midwest VW jamboree at Thompson Park. I attended the event. I think it was my first real long-distance trip with Eimer the Thing, and it was without any hiccups.

Next was the club's main event, the MVVC festival. Our Friday Main Street takeover went without a hitch. We had 20 VW's, (of the allowed 30), and I think everyone had a great time.

I would say there were many thousands of folks in attendance (totally filling up main street).

VGOA had their booth set up and were giving away lots of swag. They were very happy with the attendance numbers they saw.

The weather was great! So the main event on Saturday was very well attended. We had 98 VW's at the show. We also had a much improved turnout for the swap meet. Spectators' attendance had also increased. I know that we also had many VGOA employees who attended the festival with their cars. The event went smoothly, and fun was had by all. Lots of brats and beers were consumed. Many people oohed and aahed the new ID Buzz that was on



display. Getting the ID Buzz at our show was a major win, and we were one of the first shows to feature the new retro E van since its debut in California. The parade day was a rainy one, but Eimer and I, (as well as my dog Winnie) persevered with the top down.



We also had VGOA in the parade with a vintage bus along side of the new ID Buzz.

In July, there was another Cars and Coffee at Munks, the Deutsche Mark's show at the Gilmore Car Museum, and there was the Kübel Treffen East show in Appomattox, VA, (I could not join the three MVVC members attending) as well as a car show on Belle Isle.

August came in with Cars and Coffee at Munks, and Back to the Bricks was hugely attended. We had our VW car show at the world famous Woodward Dream Cruise at Kerby's Koney Island, where we even had a live band show up in a Bay window bus owned by band leader and club member Cooley Pope to play for us. As a group, we even helped sing Munks' new song in a viral video. As always, Woodward was a very fun time. We also had a board meeting to discuss the year and where we stood with regard to our goals.

September brought the NOWO Show, which was very well attended. Many club members were in attendance. Also, your president (representing MVVC) won the limbo contest (definitely a defining moment in my life) with the help of many fine show goers willing to make Eimer even a little lower. I believe it was 42 inches that was the winning mark that we cleared!

The Barnum's Bug Barn Show was a huge success with record-breaking numbers of attendees. Herman's homemade trophies are amazing and are treasured by those who win them. Herman and Stephanie's influence in the VW hobby is very far reaching and is not to be underestimated. If you need a part, and you need it now. That is the place to go. There are too few places left in this world like Herman Barnum's Bug Barn.

I heard there was a Detroit Auto Show this month, but I did not attend, and the feedback I got was that the event is still under construction. Hopefully, one day, it will again be the premier show it once was.

In October, we held the MVVC Fall Color tour. Hosted this year by Lynn and Vince Anderson. They did a great job, and we all had a heck of a good time. It started at a Millers Orchard Market, and we got to see the owner John Pawl's cool VW collection. We got our maps and had a general meeting in John's barn before heading out. We stopped at Stahl's Museum and saw lots of cool cars as well as antique calliopes and other strange and wonderful devices. Then we went to a cool place along the water for a group picture and then on to the Algonac Maritime Museum to look at some history. Myself and some others visited a local antique store by the museum, and I scored myself an 8 track tape that had the soundtrack to Yellow Submarine on it by the Beatles, which I felt was appropriate considering the event.



The Board of Directors held many meetings regarding the club logo changes as well as the club by-laws that are overdue for an update. We met in October and narrowed the submitted club logo entries down to 4 for an approval by plurality vote by the general membership. That vote will be held on October, 29, 1PM at Munks and the winner will grace our website and shirts and such, probably for a long time.

Only members in good standing who are present at this meeting may vote.

In November, there will be a tech session at Munks Motors on the 5th.

On December 17, the MVVC Holiday Party will be held at Munks Motors at 3PM.

At the party, we will conduct a vote to approve the amended by-laws, and we will be voting in the new Board of Directors and taking in any new board members who are interested in joining. I personally will be on the way home from Mexico so I will miss the party but have no doubt that the event will go well.

That is the year in a nutshell. Yes, I left out a lot of stuff. I think a book could be written about 2023. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to an even better 2024.

ATTENTION TO ALL MVVC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

There will be a special meeting at Munks Motors at 1 pm on Sunday, October 29th.

Munks is located at 3080 W. Huron St, Waterford Twp, 48328.

[Map to Munks Motors](#)

The purpose of this meeting is to finalize a change to the club logo in order to comply with the requirements of Volkswagen Group of America.

We have, at this time, 4 logo options, selected by the Board of Directors, which can be seen at this meeting before the vote is taken.

This will be a plurality vote, so the logo that receives the most votes will become the new club logo.

Only members in good standing who are present at this meeting may vote. *

Additionally, the MVVC By-Laws have been amended to bring the description of the club logo into compliance with VGOA requirements.

Further amendments to the By-Laws were made to clarify some ambiguous language in the 2015 version. The amended by-laws have been distributed to the general membership on 10/13/23. For comparison, the 2015 version of the MVVC By-Laws, as well as the 2023 version can be seen on the MVVC website.

An up or down vote will be taken at the General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the MVVC Holiday Party at Munks Motors on December 17, from 2PM-6PM. The sole purpose of this vote is to approve or disapprove the amended MVVC By-Laws.

Only members in good standing who are present at this meeting may vote. *

If you are not a paid member, you can become one by contacting Wayne Burling. wayne.mvvc@gmail.com

I hope to see you all there.

Thank you,
Dan Pierce
President, MVVC

* See page 10 of this newsletter for new membership and/or renewal details.

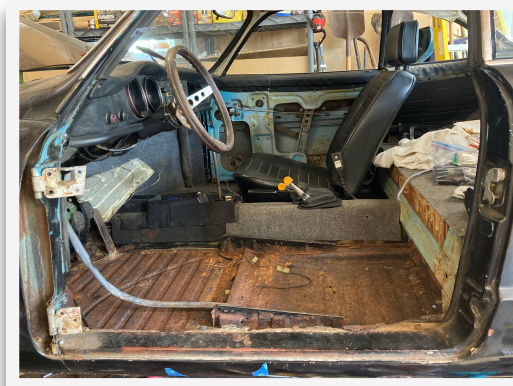
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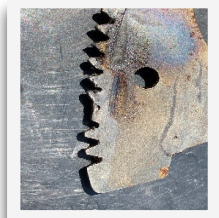
FALL MUSINGS

The season is changing. The leaves are turning and falling. Most of us are trying to get a few more excursions in before the weather turns wet, cold, and slushy. Hopefully, everyone is providing shelter to house their old friend and getting them ready for the long cold winter. What projects do you hope to complete before we are able to enjoy our rides again? Are you ordering parts or dusting off the ones you had meant to install previously. Perhaps you are thinking about scheduling some work to be done at your local or sometimes not so local shop. This time of year is a good time to reassess work that you or someone else can do to your ride. Chances are, very soon, the weather will not be agreeable for us to fully enjoy a short cruise. You not only have to consider the comfort factor but also the degradation of your vehicle. We all know that it can be a challenge sometimes to keep an old Volkswagen in good running order so that you can rely on it to get you through your possible cruises and adventures. Even modern-day vehicles need ongoing maintenance to be dependable. Put fifty years or more into that equation and you have your hands full. One strategy might be to have the work projects done at a shop. Often times it can be more easily accomplished during the colder months. They probably have a lull in their work load and you have more time to be without your ride because of the weather. Another tactic is to gear up and do the work yourself. It can be both a frustrating yet rewarding proposition. You might surprise yourself on what you can learn. You are not alone; I am myself working on a project car that I bought this past spring.



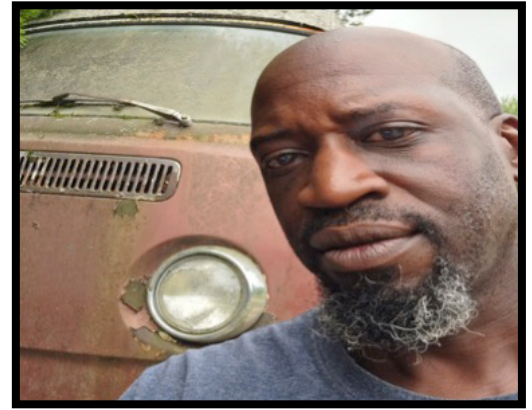
I bought this project car to practice replacing floor pans and heater channels. Hopefully I will not let project creep get out of control. It is easy to start looking at other things that could or should be repaired. Sometimes when I look at my project, I ask myself, what did you get yourself into, and wonder if I am capable of completing it successfully. Beyond that moment of self-doubt, you of course will need to have a place where you can work on your ride, which may in itself be a bit of a project. Don't forget, if you get in a bind you can reach out to the rest of the club members. Chances are

someone in the group has already completed or is working on a similar project and can provide some insight toward getting unstuck. There are a lot of helpful videos on the internet to provide assistance also. Good luck to everyone in the group with their future projects and may you be successful in your endeavors.



MARTIN GEORGE

MVVC SECRETARY



Hello MVVC crew! We are now hurtling towards another impending Michigan winter. I am making room for projects to be inside and buttoning up some that are very close. If you are not aware I have been tinkering on a 1974 Baja named, "Push-up." It has been a labor of love fabricating and modifying parts to go on the car. I was very fortunate this summer through word of mouth I was lucky enough to be able to strip down a donor vehicle in the back of Parts Galore in Detroit, Michigan. I was able to strip off a much needed driver's door, seat bottoms, dash parts, and I completely removed the roof clip with a metal sunroof.

I will venture down that road next summer and clip my Baja. The irony is the color of this car is the exact color of mine.

Albeit, mine has lots of patina that I left so it can tell the story. I am sure that many of us are going through the pains of sourcing parts, especially those of us on a budget build. This summer I acquired off-road Desert Trac tires on four lug rims. They stand 31" in height so I may have to finesse my rear fenders or lift the Baja at a later time.

One other change of significance was the quick release rear cage modification. I know at some

point of time in the most inopportune time this may become a necessary item. There are some items to complete such as the wiring to the overhead lighting, fiberglass the headlight buckets, and install the four point racing harnesses.

The list has become smaller by the week. At least once or twice a week I try to complete an item or two. Hopefully, after next summer there will be nothing else to accomplish besides general maintenance. I do have other projects to contend with and I am trying to knock them off one at a time.



If you are not aware I work as an auto body instructor at a regional training center for eleventh and twelfth grade students. Having said that, I am fortunate to have access to equipment that can make my tasks easier. Currently, I have two fenders from a 1967 Beetle that I am metal finishing before paint. I purchased them with damage, but I have taken the time to work them to the point filler is not required. This morning I brought my tub buggy body in for fiberglass repair. It was in need of patching on the front fenders due to turn signal holes in multiple. I often scratch my head and wonder: Am I the only person that makes a template before drilling? We won't even begin on the taillight holes. They were off position like they were cut out with a Sawzall in the middle of the dark. The holes are now glassed in and I will sand them down in the morning. I honestly don't know what else I will accomplish with the Sand Shark body, but I will get it mounted back on to its floor pan. I will keep pressing forward and share pictures later of before and after pics of all the projects that I am currently getting close to completion.

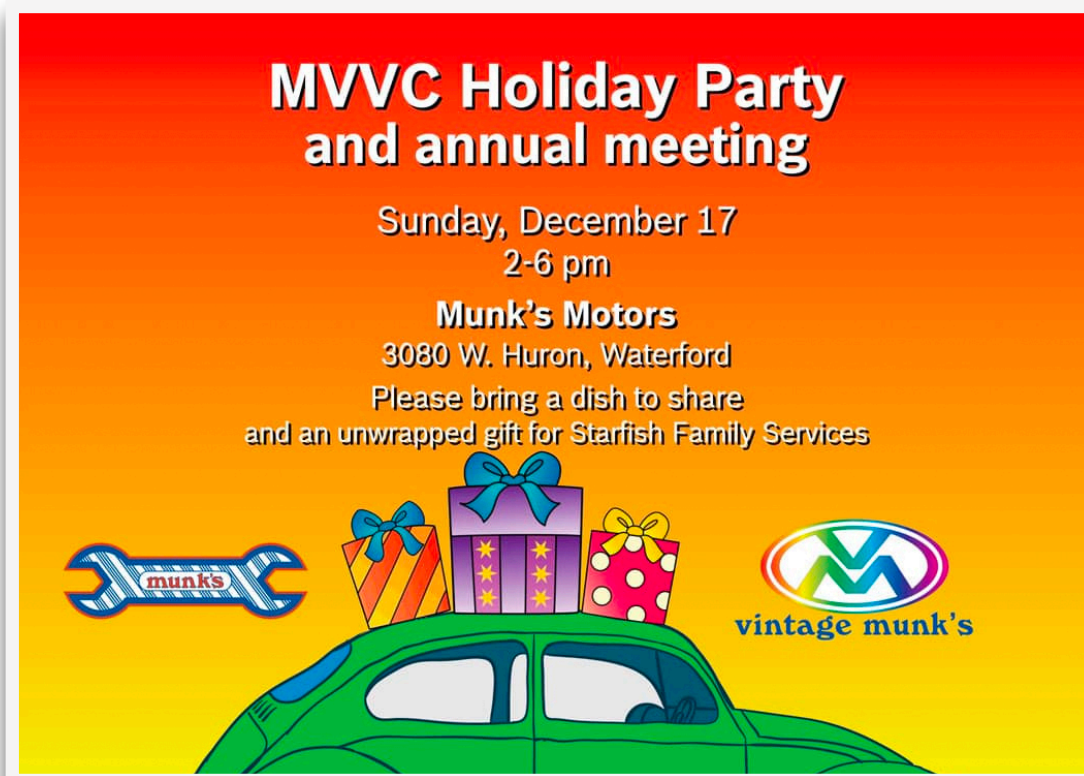
Now I am looking forward to the Holiday Party at Munk's Motors in December.

Please bring your purse and wallet for the auction!

Remember that all the proceeds go to charitable causes.

In addition, this meeting will solidify the amended MVVC By-Laws, so it's important to come out and vote. For those of you who have aspirations of leadership within the club the positions are open during the election cycle.

We are still growing and moving towards more events and a bigger footprint in the VW community. Let's bond together this coming meeting and think of some great ideas!






**MVVC Holiday Party
and annual meeting**

Sunday, December 17
2-6 pm

Munk's Motors
3080 W. Huron, Waterford

Please bring a dish to share
and an unwrapped gift for Starfish Family Services

The poster features a green car silhouette at the bottom. The background is a gradient from red at the top to yellow at the bottom.

MERRITT SCOTT COLLINS MVVC EVENTS COORDINATOR



Hard to believe the fourth quarter is already here. Did your summer go by as fast as mine?

What's upcoming?

There are two official club events:

- ☑ There'll be a tech session at Munk's Motors on November 5th. They'll talk about:
 - Voltage Drops
 - Engine Block Generations
 - Improvements
 - Lubrication
 - Oil Leaks.
- ☑ Our annual holiday party and membership meeting is December 17, from 2-6 pm, also at Munk's. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, as we've done in years past, there'll be an auction, so bring any memorabilia or parts you are ready to part with.

In addition, we'll collect new, unwrapped donations for Starfish Family Services. For a refresher on at Starfish does, Since 1963, Starfish Family Services, a nonprofit human service agency, recognized as a champion for children and families across metro Detroit who have limited access to essential resources such as education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Serving more than 3,000 children and their families annually, Starfish provides high-quality programs and support services that focus on early childhood education and development, behavioral health wellness, and empowered parents. Through a holistic approach, Starfish partners with families so they have access to the right resources at the right time.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the tech session. If you're not able to make it, then I'll see you at the holiday party.

Will we gather as a club over the winter?

That remains to be seen. Suggest an event, and we'll see!

Until next quarter...

Reflecting on what the club has done recently:

- We gathered at our usual spot in the Kerby's Koney Island lot for Dream Cruise.
- Volkswagens of all kinds turned out in Frankenmuth for NoWo, where a few of our members won prizes.
- Barnum's held their Bug Barn show as always.
- We had fantastic turnout for Vintage VWs on the Hill at Waterford Hills due to fantastic late September weather. Our Corvair cousins joined us.
- Once again, Lynn and Vince Anderson hosted the annual MVVC Fall Color Tour (See the club's Facebook group for photos of the tour).
- The board of directors met earlier this month to talk about logos and the bylaws. See Dan's notice to MVVC membership for details on that.