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Hi Volks, welcome to the first issue of Volksvoice for 2013....I would like to wish everybody a happy new year, and all the best for 2013 ! If you made some new year wishes, I hope the "VW related" ones at least come true !!!

Hope you all had a happy xmas as well and found lots of VW things under the tree (or out in the driveway !!). The weather in this part of the country was very good compared to the previous year, even if it did rain a little on xmas day. New years eve made up for that though, beautiful starlit night with a full moon on the horizon, reflecting off the water ...at least that's what it was like where I was camping in my Kombi, which wasn't very far from home actually, probably only about 30kms the way the crow flies, and about 90km if your driving ! It's called Awhitu Regional Park on the Manukau Heads...and a beautiful spot it is too. Anyway, I hope some of you managed to have some fun with your VW's. over the xmas -new year period ! A big welcome to our new members, hopefully we will see you at some of our many events that we are going to have this year.

Spent a bit of time working on my Beetle over the holidays ...the front brakes failed a warrant and I'm not surprised ! The calipers were virtually seized, mostly thru lack of use I suspect. Looked at the rotors ...they were still the original item from 1969 (!) and had a good sized lip on them so a decision was made to do the whole thing properly...new rotors (Brembo no less) , 4 pot calipers ... oops sorry, meant to say got the original calipers rebuilt, new hoses, new pads, that should do the trick ! But no, bleeding the brakes revealed very little fluid coming out of the bleed nipple ! Further checks showed that the front circuit of the master cylinder was not working properly ! Aaargh ! New master cylinder did the trick. Stops on a dime now!

Should be good for another 20 years.

The last two months of 2012 were extremely busy, not just because of the usual xmas rush but also because of all the VW related activities on offer. First off the rank was the annual VW Bulli weekend, on the 10th – 11th November, held at an adventure lodge park on the Mohaka River down Napier way, unfortunately I couldn't go but those that went said it was great.

That was followed a fortnight later by our very own annual Spring Jamboree, this year again held on the Watene Reserve at Okahu Bay. The weather was perfect, with lots of people on the beach, lots of car and foot traffic etc, just perfect for a car show!

About 70 VW's of one sort or another turned up, including a large contingent of watercoolers!. The club BBQ was fired up and was enjoyed by all and the judging and prize-giving went without a hitch. All in all a fun day for VW owners and the passing public. Thanks to Terry Sawyer for his efforts in organising the site / event.

The following Sunday was the annual Raglan run, another event I couldn't go to. I believe there was a good turn-out of Aucklanders though, and while the weather in Raglan wasn't the best, the visit to the new car museum in Hamilton apparently made up for it !

One event I did get to was the Kumeu Hot Rod show on Sunday 20th January. A group of about 10 VW's showed up, and we put up the Marquee in the drizzle that was Sunday morning. The drizzle persisted till about lunchtime and then changed into brilliant hot sunshine ...that's Auckland for you ! Lots of interesting and unusual cars to see, some of which were for sale, including a very nice mid sixties NSU Wankel Spider convertible (for \$15,000), one of only two in NZ....could be yours Ben !

Events coming up include the Ellerslie Intermarque concourse on the 10th Feb, the midsummer BBQ and cruise on the 17th Feb and the Galaxy of cars show at Western Springs on the 24th Feb...whew, a busy month ! And if you haven't already registered for the VW Nationals in Taranaki...do so now ! See the events page inside and the Clubs website for regular updates on club events. Catch you at an event, yours in Beetles,

Knut Erbs

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VW Reflections

I got my first Kombi in the 60s and as near as I can recall have seldom been without one.

This is the one I presently own in San Diego, California, my primary home town. It's a 1962 Standard Transporter with a Westfalia reproduction interior. I've had it for about 10 years. It was 14 months in the body-shop (panel beaters) just getting it together. It has a 1600 DP and a slightly taller 4th gear. Mostly factory except for external oil cooler with electric fan. It gets driven a lot when I'm home.



When I retired from my tugboat job in 2010, I took a job in Chile with some Kiwis who were building a large motor yacht (launch as you say). I thought that I would be going to an area where air cooled VWs were common. Alas, I saw hardly any. Most of South America has them, except for Chile, and I was disappointed. When the project was towed to New Zealand the following year I was asked to come and join the effort, and I vowed to not be without a VW this time, Kombi being my preference, of course.

So, upon arrival in Auckland I began the search for a Kombi only to discover that one, they aren't as numerous as I hoped, and two, those that are available were quite dear.

But I did find this lovely early 1955 that Wayne and Josie Fenton had listed on TradeMe. I bought it and joined the VW Owners Club, thus beginning a great association with car, people and country.



I would have to say that one of the high points of those first months with this car was driving it to the South Island for the VW Nationals in Dunedin last Easter. I went in the company of John Atkinson and Ken and Glenda O'Halloran. After the show I carried on to Invercargill and Queenstown, Haast and up the West Side. I put 3500 miles on her and she didn't miss a beat.

Here's a shot of her in the Forsythe-Barr Stadium in Dunedin. At the Nationals I was able to get a feel for the history and heritage of VWs in New Zealand on that trip.

Ironically, I had met some Kiwis at the Classic VW show in Irvine California a year earlier. I told them there was a chance I would be coming to NZ to work.

Well, in Dunedin Simon Tippins, Colin Dury and John Atkinson and I all met up again. VWs really do bring folks together.

As owners of old VWs we've all heard the stories that strangers come up to us with. I doubt there has ever been a car that has been such an icebreaker as the VW. But in my case my little blue oval, which I've renamed Cielito (Spanish for little sky) has really helped me get to know New Zealand.

In addition to the Nationals, this car has participated in two Auckland Club Jamborees, a Raglan Run, and numerous other cruises and events. She's been up to Russell and Bay of Islands and Cape Reinga. Literally tip-to-tip.

She's on a car ship at the moment bound for Long Beach, California. She'll be at the Classic in June of this year. I understand there will be a few Kiwi Vee Dubbers there as well. I'll see you there! I'm really grateful to New Zealand for her, and grateful to Cielito for helping me get to know New Zealand.

Thank you, Tom Summers
charlestsummers@gmail.com



VW Jamboree 2012

Volkswagens returned to the waterfront again this year with the Jamboree held at the Watene reserve for the 2nd time.

Again an excellent showing of both water and air-cooled VW's and weather that held off for the majority of the day.





COMING EVENTS **Club Nights** We meet on the second Wednesday each month at the Vintage Car Club rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose from 7:00pm. Come along for an hour or two of socialising with fellow VW enthusiasts to share your ideas on club outings and activities, ask advice and swap yarns. Free Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided, new members welcome to attend.

9th February, Saturday -MEGUIARS CLASSIC CAR FUN RUN

Organised by the MG Car Club, this "open to all" event is one of the biggest classic driving events on the calendar! The 2013 Fun Runs will be the same as 2012, but with the addition of an extra run 6 from Albany, with Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers as the finishing spot once again. Runs will depart from:

West - Westgate Shopping Centre.
Northcote - Poenamo Hotel Car Park.
Greenlane - Ellerslie Racecourse .
Papakura - BP Service Centre, Papakura.
Pukekohe - BP Service Centre, Bombay.
Albany - Mills Lane car-park (near North Harbour Stadium) .

ENTRY TO THIS EVENT IS A \$5.00 PER CAR DONATION ON THE DAY.

Entries will close on Tuesday 29th January 2013 and you will be e-mailed the web address to print off your own detailed Information Pack the week before the run, which will include the exact meeting directions and run instructions. Entries received by post will have their Information Pack posted earlier.

On the day all runs will start at 10:00am so please be there by 9:30am at the latest to allow for the drivers' briefing, etc.

On arrival at Vellenoweth Green, each driver will receive a Meguiar's Goodie Bag.

As always, it is recommended that you bring a picnic lunch, but there are shops within comfortable walking distance of Vellenoweth Green if you wish to purchase lunch instead.

Come and join us for a great morning's adventure and an enjoyable drive with old and new friends on one of these six runs. If you enjoyed one of the runs in 2012, how about trying a different one in 2013.

Entry form is available online at <http://www.concours.org.nz/funrun.html>

10th February, Sunday - Eilerslie Intermarque Concours de Elegance

The annual event is one of the largest motoring events in the southern hemisphere, with some 80 car clubs showing an anticipated 800 vehicles from existing and extinct marques dating back over a hundred years.

The event's host, the Early Holden Club, will show 1949 - 1984 Concours-standard restorations, project cars and everyday drivers in as many body styles as possible.

The VW Owners Club will also have vehicles on display—please feel free to wander over for a chat.

17th February, Sunday - Mid Summer BBQ Cruise

Meet at the Auckland City Council carpark, on the corner of Mt Albert and Mt Eden roads, Mt Albert, at 3:00pm.

We will convoy out to a beach deep in the Waitakeres for a BBQ. Bring some food for the BBQ, picnic chairs and a full tank of petrol.

Contact Ben Doughney for more info on (021) 259 9837 or email bdoughney@gmail.com

3rd March, Sunday- Ardmore Showdown - Wings vs Wheels

9:00am - 7:30pm Ardmore Airport, Papakura

The Ardmore Showdown brings together the very best of both Wings and Wheels in a family friendly atmosphere. Sunday 3 March will see fans descend upon Ardmore Airport for a combination of Drifting, Drag Racing, Gymkhana, Super Lap, Airshow, Show and Shine, Warbirds, Family Entertainment and a whole lot of other entertainment.

The VW Owners Club will again be registering a group in the Show and Shine, so keep this date free. More details will be posted in late January/February 2012.

<http://www.ardmoreshowdown.co.nz/>

1st - 3rd March, Sunday- Van Dam weekend camp at Karapiro

Hosted by the Waikato VW Club, this weekend camp is held at the Karapiro Rowing Club camp ground which a very pleasant spot on the banks of Karapiro Lake.

29th - 1st April, (Friday — Monday) 2013 Qualitat Volkswagen Nationals

The 2013 Volkswagen Nationals is proudly hosted by the Taranaki Volkswagen Owners Club over Easter Weekend 2013. Visit the Nationals website below to find out more information.

<http://www.vwnationals.co.nz/>

Raglan Run—2 Dec 2012

2nd of December was the Annual combined clubs run to Raglan. This year a tag a long event of the new classic car museum opening in Hamilton was included and enjoyed by many—especially as it wasn't the most hospitable Raglan weather ever encountered !

Lloyd





Bulli 15 — Nov 2012

Some photos courtesy of Philip Coyle from the annual VW Bulli weekend, held this year on the November at an adventure lodge park on the Mohaka River near Napier.





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NOTE Current club membership cards **MUST** be shown before any parts or service discounts will be given and before the invoice is prepared.

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DROP US A LINE

All member contributions for the magazine are greatly appreciated. Feel free to send in anything of interest and any ideas for club events etc to the PO Box. If you would like them returned, please include a S.A.E. and items will be returned to you. Unclaimed articles will be destroyed after two months.

Any For Sales, Articles etc etc, please e-mail to wrxetr@gmail.com.
All other correspondence to VWOC, PO Box 12-538, Penrose, Auckland.

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CLUB WEBSITE

The club has its own website, e-mail us, check out the Events, Gallery or surf the Links at:
<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz>

CLUB GALLERY

The club also has its own gallery of activities and events. This can be found on the Gallery link on the club's home page, or directly to the flicker pages using the link below
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/67375128@N02/>

NATIONALS WEBSITE. Keep up to date with the progress of the upcoming nationals.
<http://www.vwnationals.co.nz/>

NZVWOC Branch club websites

Taranaki club. <http://www.taranakivw.co.nz/index.htm>
Hawkes Bay Club. www.hawkesbayvwclub.co.nz
Waikato Club. <http://www.waikatovwclub.co.nz/>

Kumeu Hot Rod & Classic Car Show — 19/20 Jan 2013

A selection of photo's showing the two sides of Auckland—rainy and sunny that was on display during the Kumeu Hot Rod and Classic show held in January.

After an early start meeting at the BP just outside Kumeu village, it was a short convoy in to the showground's where Terry managed to lead us to a perfect display area right in the middle of the main field.



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Apparently there were OTHER types of cars at the show too :)
Just a very small sampling of the variety on display at the show.





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P O Box 12-538 Penrose, Auckland

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The aim of this club is to have fun while keeping VW enthusiasts in touch with each other. The club is open to all people interested in these unique cars. Our activities are aimed at original and semi-custom vehicles but we welcome all VW'ers. We meet monthly for a drive, film evening or social gathering. Other benefits of joining include discounts, technical advice, help in locating those difficult parts, and making lots of new and interesting friends. Although based in Auckland our membership extends throughout the country and our tri-monthly newsletter helps to keep members informed. For further details please write to the Secretary at the address above. If you would like to join the club, please complete the lower portion of the form and return it along with your subscription.

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In an effort to meet your needs we ask that you complete and return the following questionnaire.

- 1) Please rank the following reasons for your joining the club in order of priority,
 - a) to get the discounts offered
 - b) to meet other enthusiasts
 - c) to attend social events organised by the club
 - d) to receive the newsletter
 - e) other (specify).....

- 2) The events I enjoy most are:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

- 3) I think the club should offer the following events and I would support these when they were held:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)

- 4) I would prefer to receive the club magazine via Email []

- 5) Other comments I have regarding activities the club can offer:

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the club to recently joined new members of the VWOC, we look forward to seeing you at coming events;

D Folasa	1974 1303S Beetle
Dean Lovich	1971 Variant Type 3 Squareback
Sam Oldfield	1968 Beetle 1500
Raoul Borley	1957 and 1966 Kombi's
Graeme Rowe	1970 Beetle 1300
Philip Pearce	1964 Karmann Ghia Type 34

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

Got a story?,
An adventure?,
A history lesson? A lesson 'learned the hard way'?

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Turners Classic Car Auction — November 23, Sunday

Ok, so this wasn't a VW Club event, however given the sheer number of VW Club members that were in attendance that day, it rates a mention.

Occurring the same weekend as Bulli, those still in Auckland had the opportunity to attend the last classic car auction of the year at Turners Penrose site. Two Volkswagens were in the line up — a 1302S and 1300.

Many of these vehicles were the ones that had failed to sell during the year, and reserves were still set quite 'high' and so many failed to sell this time round as well, many without even receiving a single bid at all. One exception to this was the 1302S, which was a hot bed of activity with furious bidding between a number of people before finally falling under the auctioneers gavel.

Other than VW's, there was a good variety of other marques — especially a 62 Vauxhall that caught my eye (But reserve ended up being too rich for my blood at bidding time!)



Still, all in all a good day out and a good chance to catch up with VW folk.

Lloyd.





Other vehicles included a Willy's camper with registration on hold, Mk2 Jaguars and 50's Vauxhalls —right through to petrol bowsers and even a few tractors.





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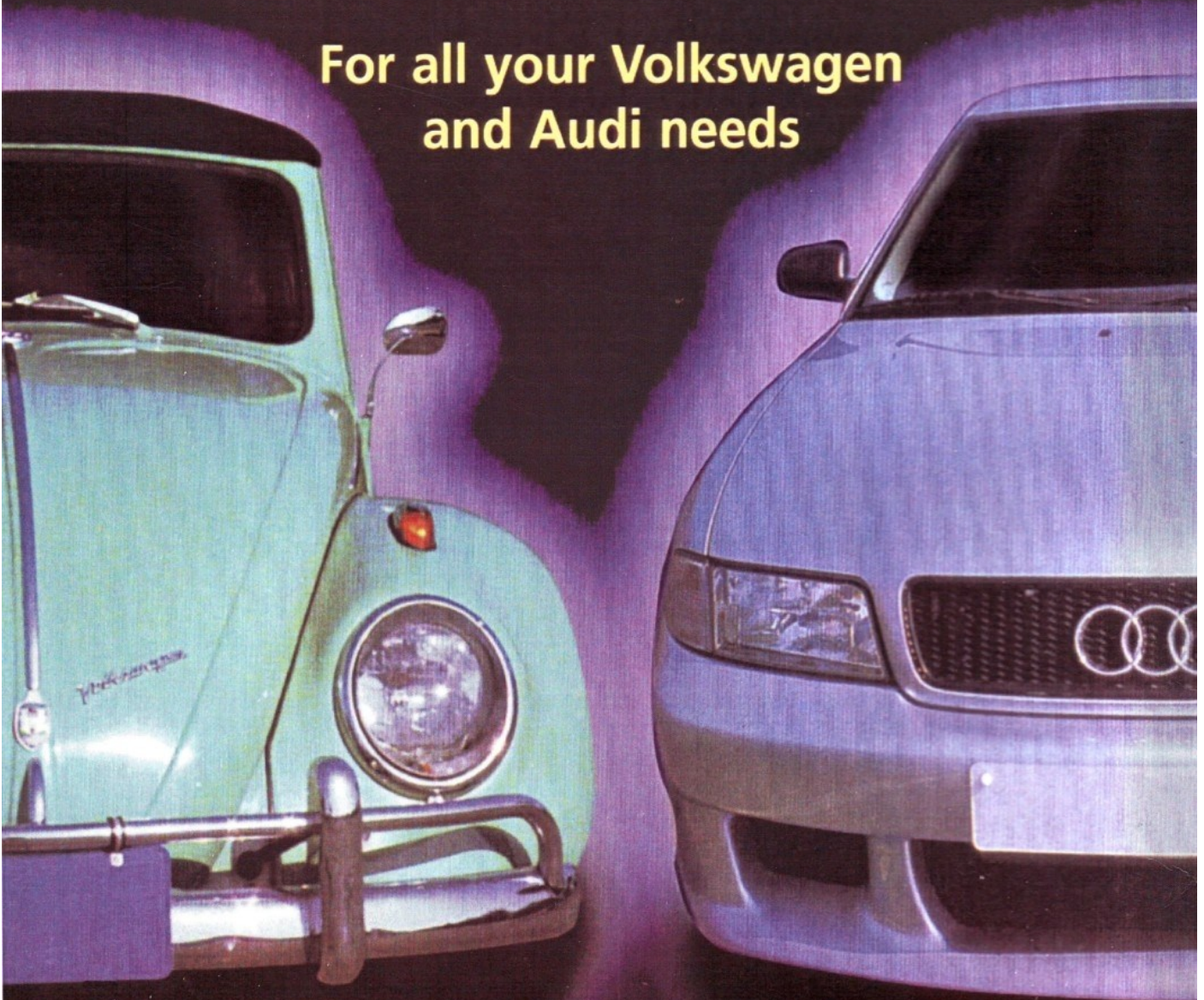
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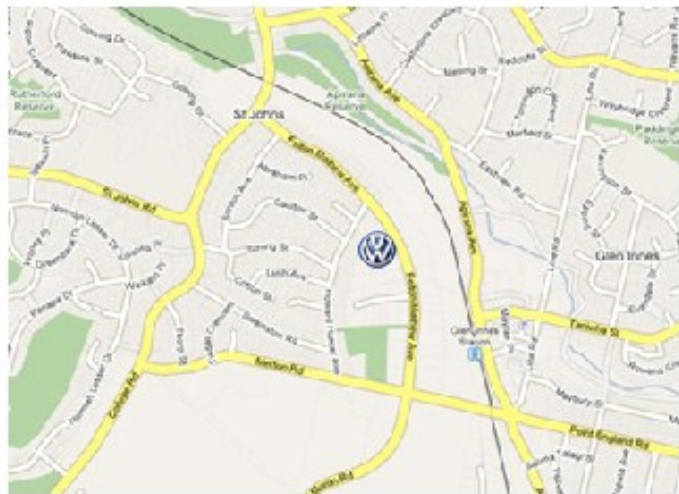
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