
THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings to all. On 7/12/14 12 members met at Autobahn and convoyed to Hamilton, met up with Waikato and Tauranga members then continued onto Raglan for a picnic lunch on the foreshore. Weather wise a hot sunny day. This was not helped by having the heater jammed on full heat in my fastback. Most had a look around the shops and partook of ice creams to cool down. A very pleasant day.

On 21/12/14 some 13 members and partners met at the Rotunda Cornwall park. From there we convoyed to the western motorway then up to Kumeu. We regrouped at Phils ice cream parlour. After a 30 min or so break continued across country through Coatesville and Riverhead, then across the top of Albany ending up at Long bay. After finding a space to park, members set themselves up for picnic/BBQ. Thanks to John bringing the club BBQ. With the inclement we have had over the past few days, we could not have wished for a better day. Thanks to Deb and Lloyd who organised the day trip.

On Saturday 7/2/15 was the Classic Car Tour D' Elegance which had 5 different starting points, all converging at the finish. Although I didn't participate I understand a small number of members did.

Then on Sunday 8/2/15 10 members put their VWs on show at The Concourse D'Elegance at Ellerslie. Various posters were put on vehicles for the theme "Cars in Movies". Many thanks to Ben who spent considerable time researching and producing the posters. Other ideas were Ken's mock-up R.I.P. grandpa in his van; along with John having two grates of empties in his Ute - must have had some late nights and sore heads.

Andrew had arranged for a 'Herbie' look-alike to be in the main display. A very tidy vehicle. Also in the main display was a replica Delorien from "Back to the Future". Very interesting. Andrew was also instrumental in having Vicki's 'Herbie' which had the horn and lights flashing at the push of a remote. Interesting to see the public's reaction. Although a long day an enjoyable time was had by all.

VW wise I now have the new door rubber for my Type 3 and can now paint the new door and spend a few days dismantling the old rusty door and installing the new door. Hopefully before the National doors I will have the new alarm in my Kombi.

Hi Volks, welcome to the first issue of Volksvoice for 2015 ! Happy New Year ! although we will be well into the New Year by the time you read this ! Hope you all had a great Xmas and new year with your family and friends (and VW's of course !) and managed to enjoy some of that absolutely great weather we had ! I cannot recall a January in recent times where the weather has been that hot for soooo long.. too hot on some days ! Needless to say it was great weather for camping and my family and I plus Kombi spent some awesome days under the stars ! Make the most of your VW's I say ! Something that made my Xmas was the parcel I got from VW NZ Ltd, containing a book celebrating 60 years of VW in NZ... the book has all the photos submitted by VW owners for the TV ad they ran...thank you VW NZ Ltd, a nice gesture. Also a big welcome to any new members, hope to see you along at some of our events.

Speaking of events, there have been a few since our last magazine came out and there are a few more coming up ! Managed to take part in the annual Raglan run in early December 2014, the weather was perfect and we finished the day sitting on the Raglan wharf eating fish and chips for dinner before heading home again... the simple pleasures are the best they say ! Then there was a BBQ held at Long Bay just before Xmas but I couldn't go so can't say much about it other than that it was well attended and enjoyed by all (so I have been told !).

Two of the events I have attended so far this year are the Galaxy of Cars show at Western Springs and the Concourse D'Elegance at Ellerslie. Four hardy VW owners (Knut, Ben, Frank and John A.) made a last minute decision to go to the Galaxy of Cars show to represent the marque and as usual there were a great selection of cars from many car clubs on display, plus quite a large swap meet.

Unfortunately as this was February 1st the marvellous January weather stopped and there was heavy cloud and the odd drizzle but that's never stopped anybody!



The weather had reverted back to marvellous the following weekend for the Ellerslie show which had a theme of “Movies which featured classic cars” so most of the car clubs had displays highlighting movies that their cars had appeared in. Andrew thought we should have a go too so we got 12 vehicles together and looked for movies. Some were quite easy of course (Herbie, Little Miss Sunshine, KombiNation) but others were more obscure ! Anyway we found a movie for each vehicle and Ben made up some great posters for each vehicle and we were away laughing! Herbie got a lot of laughs especially as Andrew had rigged up a remote control for the horn, headlights and wipers, which gave people a bit of a fright but put a smile on their faces ! As usual there were a lot of quality cars on display, including a just restored Mercedes 300SL Gullwing (probably worth more than the national debt !) and Ivan Fullers Porsche 356 Speedster (only worth slightly less !!) ... both cars won major prizes.

I am sitting here writing this having just returned from the VW Bug Jam 2015 event at the North Harbour Country Club, a weekend fun event organised by the Dairy Flat VW'ers, (the DMFV's) and which was excellent. The weather for this weekend was beautiful....sunny and hot hot hot ! The venue is a hidden jewel, out in the countryside with lots of fields for camping, a heated swimming pool, large communal areas for dining and socialising....and a great bar and kitchen... they served a wonderful dinner and breakfast ! The Dairy Flat team had done a great job organising the weekend with a \$10 entry donation (that went to the Melanoma Trust, a worthy charity if ever there was one !) which covered your camping costs and use of the facilities etc so a real bargain. The team had also organised such things as a bouncy castle for the kids, face painting, a large raffle with lots of prizes donated by various VW shops, a great band for Saturday night and a convoy run on Sunday morning to Wenderholm. And oh yes, I did go for a swim in that pool which was marvellous ! There was a real good turn-out as well.. something like 120 cars I believe. Rumour has it there will be another one next year !

Coming up of course are the 25th Nationals in Taupo... hope you have all registered ! If not, it's still worth it just to come and have a look, it will be the biggest collection of VW's in one place you will ever see in NZ ! I have been to a lot of the Nationals over the years and they have all been fun... hopefully see a lot of you at this one !

Some VW news...

This year is the 60th anniversary for the Type 1 Karmann Ghia, released in 1955 as a coupe, and in 1957 as a convertible. They were glamorous looking cars back then and still are today. They were produced until 1974 and over that time were kept up to date with various minor body changes (some not so successful !) and mechanically followed the Beetle updates. They produced a total of 364,401 coupes and 80,837 convertibles.

At the same time sixty years ago Volkswagen were celebrating the production of the 1 millionth Beetle, the famous Gold car with the Rhinestones on the bumpers etc. And what a celebration it was too, dealers from all the countries that sold VW's back then were invited to attend (wonder if anybody from NZ went ??) and they had a parade thru Wolfsburg with representatives from each of those countries taking part. They also built a huge Roulette Wheel with real Beetle cars around the outside acting as the numbers and a Beetle driving round on the inside acting as the ball. Not sure what the prizes were but I'm sure the crowd enjoyed it !

Anyway, that will do for now ! Don't forget our next club night, on Wednesday 11th March ... otherwise see you all at the Nationals... yours in VW Beetles, Knut Erbs

The Star is the Car

This years theme at Concours was "the BIG screen" - and so some brain storming was done behind the scene's matching up peoples cars to movies and TV

John's Beetle

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_195836-Volkswagen-1200-Typ-1-1964.html

Terry's Ghia in Starsky and Hutch

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_4086-Volkswagen-Karmann-Ghia-Coupe-Typ-14-1972.html

John's Single Cab in some Iti thing called L'onore e il rispetto (translates into English as Honour and Respect!)

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_76979-Volkswagen-Camioncino-Typ-2-T1-1964.html

Colin's Cabriolet in another foreign thing called Dove Vai Se Il Vizetto Non Ce L'hai? Which translates as Where Do You Go if You Do Not Have The Bad Habit. Wikipedia describes it as being about "A rich and sadistic man, who enjoys degrading women as part of elaborate S&M game"....

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_180381-Volkswagen-1303-Cabriolet-Typ-1-1976.html

Peter's bus in The Steal

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_139766-Volkswagen-Camper-Typ-2-T2-1973.html

Andrew's bus in The Boat Boat That Rocked

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_279994-Volkswagen-Camper-Typ-2-T1-1967.html

Eddie's Type 3 in The Brides Wore Blood

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_148296-Volkswagen-Fastback-Sedan-Typ-31-1966.html

Knut's bus in the Wheeler Dealers

http://www.imcdb.org/vehicle_304489-Volkswagen-Camper-Typ-2-T2-1973.html

7th December, Sunday- Annual Raglan Run

After meeting at the Papakura Autobahn on the Southern Motorway, the convoy began shortly before 10. Everyone headed down to Hamilton , meeting up with the Bay of Plenty and Waikato VW Clubs at McDonalds.

From there the “Kombined” convoy then proceeded out to out to Raglan for a picnic lunch and browse around the shops.





Whats on in Raglan

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21 December, Sunday - Christmas Ice-Cream Run

The final event of 2014 was a run from the Auckland Domain, out to Kumeu for an Ice Cream, and then on to Long bay on the North Shore for a picnic.





7th February, Saturday- Classic Car Tour d'Elegance

The annual Tour d'Elegance is held in conjunction with the Ellerslie NZ Classic Car Show, and cars of all types and marques welcome.

Convoys begin in 6 different locations around Auckland, and then tour all around separate routes and meet in Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers Bay.





8th February, Sunday- 42nd NZ Classic Car Show - Ellerslie

On Sunday 08 February 2015 some 750 owners from over 70 classic car clubs gathered at Ellerslie Race Course to share their enthusiasm, promote their clubs, and celebrate motoring as we knew it over the decades.

This year the club display theme was "the BIG screen" - and the cars that appeared on it as props, part of the scenery, story or action. While actors may have had leading roles in most movies or TV series, it's the cars that are the stars for the 42nd show.



Various members cars were decorated with signs reflecting their respective television shows and movies—The Rockford Files, the Shining, Kombi Nation, the Sweeney, etc.

Congratulations to the team that put in a huge amount of effort on this years club display.





22nd February, Sunday– Protecta Insurance Caffeine and Classics

The 22 February was the 2nd anniversary of New Zealand's biggest monthly car meet—Caffeine and Classics. Estimates of numbers range from 700 to 800 cars, and certainly there was something for everyone.

<https://www.facebook.com/CaffeineAndClassics>





28 February - 1 March — Bug Jam 15

This event follows on from the successful 1st Bug Jam from last year. This weekend event was organized & hosted by the "Dairy Flat Four" club <http://www.dmfv66.com/>



Saturday 28 February saw 110+ vehicles and their families gather at the North Harbour Country Club for the day, which included Tug of War, "Drag Racing" and use of the club swimming pool and facilities.

On Sunday there was a mass cruise out to Wenderholm National park for lunch, swimming and beach cricket.

\$2157 was raised for the Melanoma Foundation, the sponsored charity for the event.













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.

Keep an eye on the VWOC web site for updates to these events

<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/index.php>

VW Nationals Taupo — 2 April to 6 April

The 2015 VW Nationals is that it will be the 25th year that the Volkswagen Nationals have been running in New Zealand. To make the 25th Nationals a special event, the organising committee from the Bay of Plenty Volkswagen Owners club are taking the Nationals back to the original site of the first Nationals that was held in Taupo.

The 2015 Nationals will be 1 day longer than previous years to make full use of the facilities and activities that are on offer in Taupo.

Easter is also the first weekend of the school holidays, so it's a good opportunity as a family break. <http://www.vwnationals2015.co.nz/>

NEW MEMBERS

The following have recently joined the VWOC, we look forward to seeing you at coming events:

Alan & Alison Jackson	1972 411
Chris Sharpe & Anne Hocking	Golf TDI, Touran TSI
Brian & Sandra Strickland	1958 Beetle Ute
Gavin Campbell	1975 T2 Kombi
Karen Sutton	1976 Kombi
Greta Bennett	1968 Karmann Ghia
Terry Lockwood	1977 Golf Mk1
Stefan Pahl	1966 Beetle
Lou Pitts-Brown	1980 T25
Emily Blakey	1963 Beetle "Herbie"
Max Carter	1983 Sirocco GTI
Loretta Arthur	2013 Beetle Cabriolet
Muriel Bonnet	1966 Beetle



Taupo / Easter 2015
**25th New Zealand
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 Nationals**

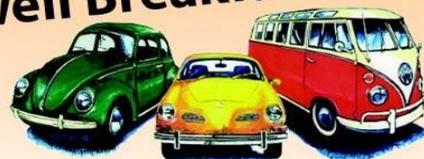
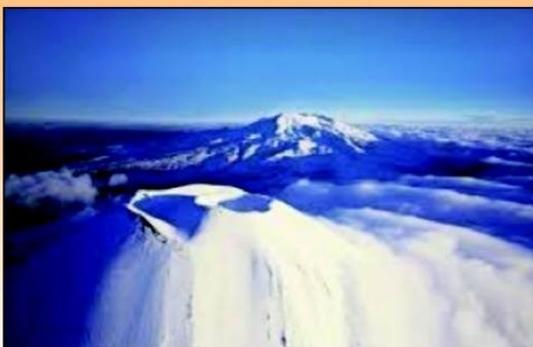
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2015 to MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2015

- ▶ Taupo Top Ten Motor Camp
 41 Centennial Drive, Taupo
- ▶ Gymkhana Day
- ▶ Track Racing
- ▶ VW Off Roding
- ▶ VW Team Games
- ▶ Kids Games
- ▶ Drive In Movie



SHOW AND SHINE DAY. TONGARIRO ST, TAUPO

- ▶ Night Cruise Social evening
- ▶ Taupo Cruise / Forest Cruise
- ▶ Formal Dinner and Social
- ▶ Farewell Breakfast



*Vehicles copied from original poster,
 Taupo venue of 1st Nationals 1990*



Website: www.vwnationals2015.co.nz

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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.

NO CARD NO DISCOUNT! Remember, club discounts are a privilege not a right.



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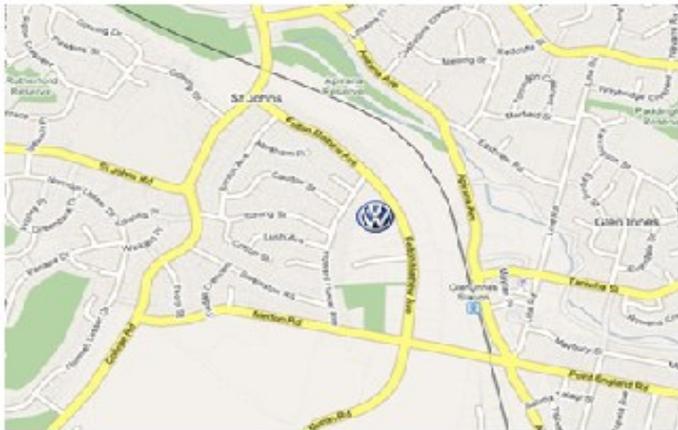
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Name.....
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Phone.....
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Vehicle Type/Year/Reg.....

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- 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)
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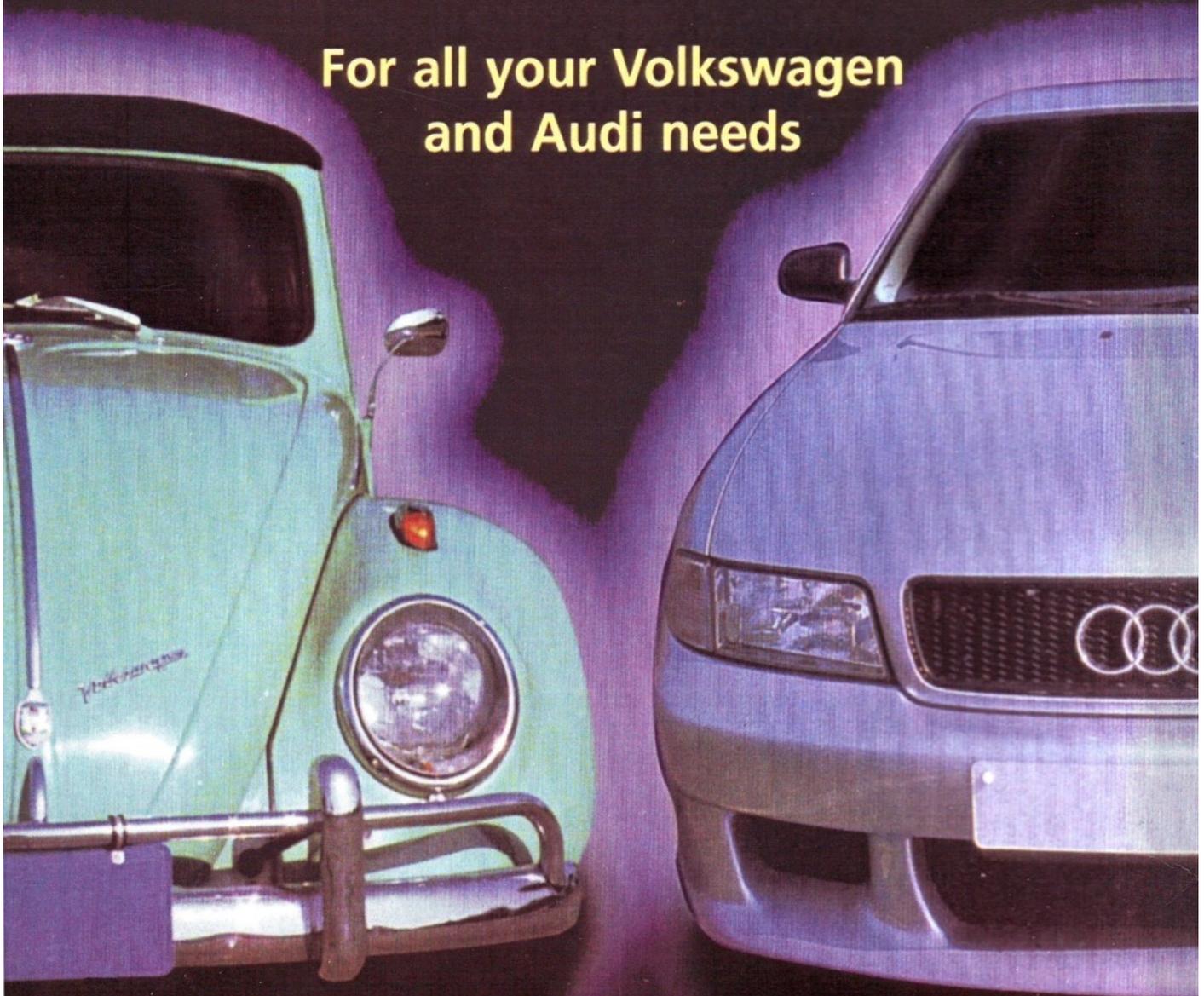
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