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# THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the end of the summer that wasn't. All jokes aside though, it has been a very busy summer season of events for the club—With many shows, events and activities having taken place in the last two or three months.

Huge thanks to all of those who were able to make the effort to attend some (if not all) of those events— It's not as much fun if no-one turns up :) Special thanks to Terry who took on the role of coordinating most of the events and also for making it to all of them as well.

Weather-wise we were quite lucky for most of the events—As you can see from the small selection of photo's in the magazine, or in far more detail on the clubs Flickr gallery. (Which you can get to from the Gallery link on the clubs website <http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz> )

Looking forward to the next event, it's the big one, the Qualitat VW Nationals being hosted by the Otago VW enthusiast club in Dunedin. At time of writing they had over 300+ people and 130+ cars registered for this years event—So looks to be a very good turnout.

Given the distance for us Aucklanders, many folk take a few days (or longer) to make the journey down. So if you're looking for company of the trip look for details of the Tiki Tour Convoy on the events page, kindly coordinated by Ken.



**Qualitat**  
**VW NATIONALS**  
**DUNEDIN 2012**

**Easter Weekend**

**6 – 9 April 2012**

## PRESIDENTS RAMBLE

Annoyingly, not all goes well in my build up for the Nationals—Given the 3000+ km distance to Dunedin and back again, and the relative unknowns of the supercharged engine in the Oval, I was a little paranoid about making the journey blind.

So, I had the bright idea of putting the car on a Dyno so I could get a health check on the motor and the modifications—My big concern before a long trip being mainly “Am I running rich or lean?”

After talking to a couple of people, I found a dyno guy well versed in the ways of the old school (i.e.: He knew about carburetors!) So along comes Saturday and I head on down to Glenfield all psyched and ready for my first Dyno experience  
—And straight into my first hurdle of the day, car is too low to fit on the dyno! :(



Big thanks goes to Frank at this point for suggesting I get adjustable rear spring plates when I built the car — It would have been a major drama without them!

So, 10min later after borrowing a jack and allen key set she's all raise up and sitting in place on the dyno and straight into hurdle number two. The Dyno can't get a tacho feed from the 6v pulses. Ah well, never mind — If the factory didn't think that I needed a tachometer in 1956, then who am I to argue....

Boost tap in place and O2 sensor in exhaust and we were ready to go. A couple of tests run to confirm the calibrations and we are into the main event!

All looking good—Then “nekminit” **BANG!**

Followed by the sound of metal on metal and a shower of sparks from the engine bay...

## PRESIDENTS RAMBLE (Cont.)

So, with the ignition quickly killed and a slight delay while we wait for the foul language on my part to cease, we survey the damage to see what had happened...

Turns out the windings on the rotor of the generator have let loose and started touching the generator casing—hence the noise and sparks. Annoying but not catastrophic. Phew!

So we attacked the broken generator windings with a screwdriver to stop them touching the case, and called it quits for the day. A cautious and slow drive home on the battery and then driven straight into the garage with the door shut behind her, followed by the overdue search for a cold beverage and a call to the folks to ask if I could borrow the 1302S for a “couple of days”....

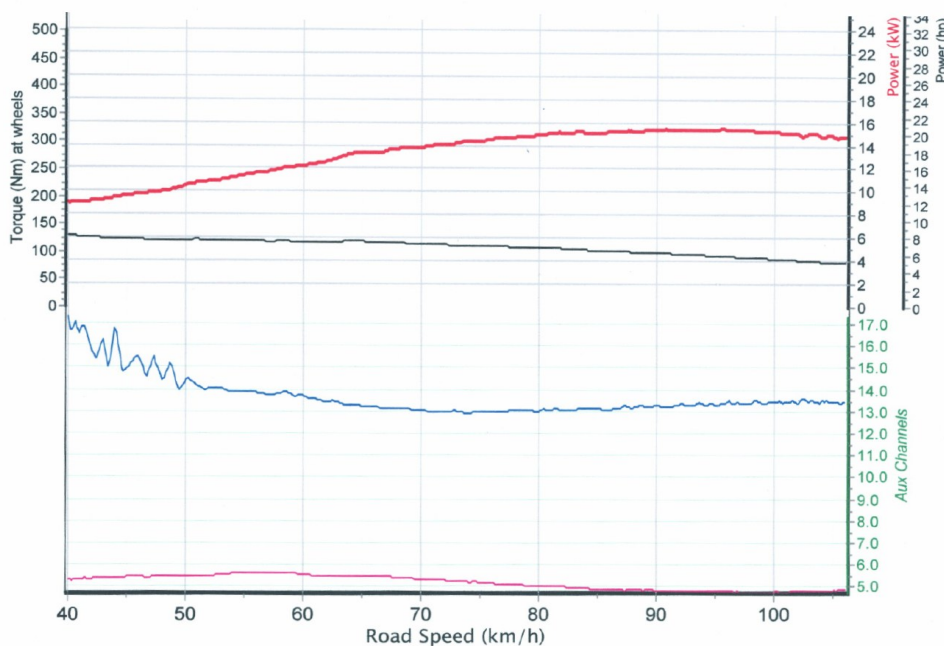
Those of you with children will fully appreciate how variable the term ‘couple of days’ is in relation to borrowing of any object! Fortunately they let me get away with it this time....

Anyway, a week later and it’s time to open the garage again and survey the damage, and evaluate where things stand. Reviewing the Dyno sheet print out things aren't too bad. Max power is 15kw (21HP) at the wheels (Insert jokes about your lawnmower as more power

than that here...) and 125Nm of torque at peak

HP (Red) was only marginally up on stock, which probably reflects the age of the motor and the power lost through wear and tear over the years. So due for a rebuild in the near future I suspect.

Torque (black) wise however I’m over the moon with, almost 40%



up on the stock values given back in 1956.

Boost (Pink) was fairly even between 5 and 5.5 PSI across the rev range, but the killer was the air/fuel readout (blue) — Lean, consistently lean over the entire rev range. Apparently it should be in the 11-12 range for a supercharged carburetor, so time for a carb rebuild kit and jet change...

But first steps first—Need to replace the generator.



**PRESIDENTS RAMBLE (Cont.)**

A quick look through my 'spares' turned up nothing useful at all (Note to self—Why do I keep the broken stuff then?) - so a call went out looking for anyone with spare 6v generators. Fantastically Colin (thanks again!) came to the rescue with 4/5 spares which I enthusiastically raced out to pick up. Back home again & reality kicks in for me...

—How do you test generators?

**Solution:** Dismantle a sewing machine and then use the motor to drive the generator hooked up to a millimeter.

Brilliant me thinks, my ego buzzing! Followed by disappointment—the multimeter reads nothing. Not cool.

Time to give up and head to the Engine Build tech night hosted by Allan at Platinum VW Spares.



Caught up with Colin and Andrew there and lamented my woes. After a quick schooling by Andrew on generators, I was convinced I'd got something wrong as I headed home. Sure enough, dawned on me the next day—The test rig was built on custom wood plank, no earth.! (Obvious in hindsight). Quickly ran an earth and all of a sudden I'm seeing numbers :)

Even better, turns out one of the 6v generators has been previously rewound to 12v! So a quick double check by an auto-sparky and replacement brushes, etc. and I'm on the cusp of converting the oval to 12v :)

- Wahoo, headlights **AND** wipers at the same time = The luxury!

Annoyingly, with the deadline looming and a desire not to rush things I've bitten the bullet and flagged driving to the nationals, resorting instead to plan-B — Air NZ.

For those of you going, enjoy the journey — See you there and look forward to hearing your stories! (And hoping to convince YOU to put pen to paper/fingers to keyboard and share your stories and adventures too!!)

Drive safe & watch out for the 'other' idiots on the roads!

Lloyd

## KNUTS SECTION?

Missing Knut's section?

—Don't worry, it'll be back for the next magazine :)

## 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;

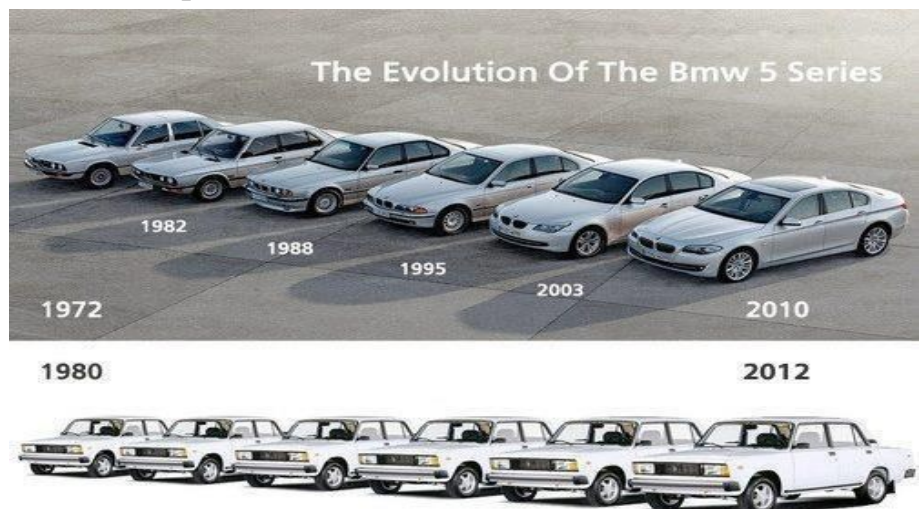
Peter Croad	- Meyers Manx buggy
Richard Knott	- 1958 Beetle
Keith Cox	
Robert and Marion Hunt	- Kombi Dormobile
Chris Gordine	- 1967 Beetle!
Jo and Karel Chivers	- 1970 Beetle, 1970 Kombi camper, 1967 Kombi panel van
Iain Storie	- Kombi camper

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

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

Want to share it, we'd love to  
hear from you.

Anything you'd like to contribute to the magazine, contact either Terry or Lloyd (details on the contacts page)



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# 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.

## **31st March - 6th April - Nationals 2012 Tiki Tour Convoy**

We will depart Auckland 31st March, first night in Taupo, second night to be decided, third night (Monday 2nd April) Wellington and cross on the ferry Tuesday morning. Depending who you book with, InterIslander leaves at 08:25, Bluebridge leaves at 08:00. They arrive approximately 15 minutes apart, so we will muster at a predetermined point in Picton. With the special offer code for Bluebridge, and early bird booking on the other, there is not a lot of difference. I will be booking on the Interislander as it allows "drip feed payment" of the fare.

We will drive to Kaikoura and spend Tuesday night there. The rest of the itinerary will be worked out later. Plan to arrive in Dunedin Friday afternoon.

If you have suggestions for places to stop on the way or any sightseeing ideas, please forward them to Ken at [beetlenutx4@hotmail.com](mailto:beetlenutx4@hotmail.com)

## **6th - 9th April—Qualitat VW Nationals 2012**

The Volkswagen Nationals is being held in Dunedin over Easter weekend 2012. The show and shine will be held under cover in the Forsyth Bar Stadium. Registrations close 1st March 2012.

For more details visit <http://www.vwnationals.co.nz>

### **And options for those not going to the Nationals...**

#### **1st April — Karaka Vintage day at Karaka Sports Complex.**

Display vehicles to be on site by 9:15am.

Gates open to public at 9:30am to 4:00pm.

#### **15 April — Wheels of Fortune show at Pukekohe Race Course**

Fund raising for Pukekohe Lions.

Display vehicles to arrive between 6:00am and 8:30am, Gates open to public between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

Includes 3 laps of the motor race circuit at 2:30pm.



# Qualitat VW NATIONALS DUNEDIN 2012

## Easter Weekend

## 6 – 9 April 2012

### **Friday 6 April (4PM to 9PM) Arrival and Registration**

Pirates Rugby Football Club - Just around the corner (walking distance) from the Dunedin Holiday Camp it is the perfect place to come along for registration, collect your goodie bag and enjoy a drink with old and new friends alike.

### **Saturday 7 April (9AM to 3PM) Free Time**

Free time to experience the local shopping & visit some of our unique locations. See <http://atoz-nz.com/dunedin.asp> for more information. Or for the more adventurous, take a trip through to Wanaka to see the internationally famous Warbirds over Wanaka, and then join the afternoon cruise at the Waiholo turnoff on State Highway 1.

### **Saturday 7 April (3PM to 9PM) Calder Stewart Cruise & BBQ**

Cruise around the local area taking in some amazing scenery followed by a catered Spit Roast BBQ at the Forbury Park Bowling Club, just down the road from the camping ground. And to keep us all entertained, Magician Jonathan Usher, will wow us with some amazing tricks. [www.hocuspocus.co.nz](http://www.hocuspocus.co.nz) Check out the map link below for directions

### **Sunday 8 April (9AM to 3PM) Show and Shine**

Forsyth Barr Stadium - We have the use of New Zealand's first fully covered stadium to have our show and shine event. Trade displays, swap meet and events for children and adults alike ... it promises to be an amazing day!

### **Sunday 8 April (6PM to 11PM) Volkswagen of NZ Prize giving Dinner**

Join us at the Savoy Restaurant, one of the most famous dining establishments in Dunedin, to experience a night of fantastic food, drink, entertainment and of course, the prize giving.

### **Monday 9 April (8AM to 11AM) Ken Berry "The VW Man" BBQ and Farewell**

Farewell BBQ breakfast at the Dunedin Holiday Park kindly sponsored (and cooked) by our very own local VW guru, Ken Berry.



**ARDMORE SHOWDOWN : Wings vs Wheels 2012 (4th March)**

The VW Owners Club had 8 vehicles at the inaugural Four and Rotary Ardmore Showdown event. We were awarded 3 trophies;

- Best club display,
- Best van or ute ( Red and Grey Kombi )
- Judges Choice ( Blue Dormobile Kombi ).







Adrian in his NOSLUG beetle also showed the fours and rotaries the quickest way to the end of the drag strip!



Photos by Terry Sawyer



**26th February (Sunday) - Galaxy of Cars 2012**

This year Galaxy of cars moved from the old MOTAT2 venue to Western Springs .

Weatherwise turned out to be a great day, as well as having a good variety of VW's on display.







**Left and Right:** A selection of the cars and people photos taken on the day by Phil Coyle.





**11th March, Sunday — Engine building demo / BBQ hosted by Platinum VW Spares.**

A 'few' years ago Allan hosted a couple of very successful tech nights — One for building an engine, and a second one for a gearbox, both of which were fantastic popular evenings.

So ***huge thanks*** to Allan for offering to resurrect the 'tech nights' again and host one at Platinum VW Spares. Thanks also goes to Nigel and Kathryn for hosting us and supplying the drinks and a great selection of BBQ steaks and sausages. (Which definitely rates as the one of the best BBQ's I had all summer!)

With the success of this evening, we are hoping to convince Allan to do a repeat performance after the nationals with a gearbox tutorial session, ***fingers crossed.***







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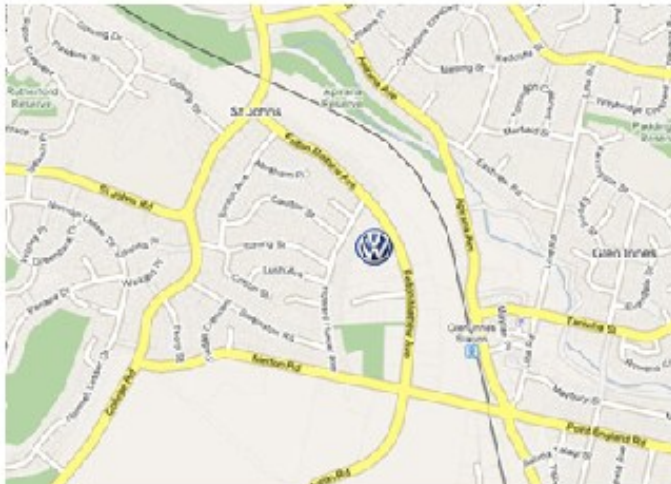
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**21st & 22nd January (Saturday/Sunday) Kumeu Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival**

A selection of photo's sent in by members from the Kumeu Hot Rod event











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## 11th February (Saturday) - NZ Classic Car Fun Run

Pictures from the annual NZ Classic Car fun run. This year the 5 runs started from various points around Auckland, and all ended at St Heliers for lunch.





**Right Top and Middle:** Emslie's 69 convertible.



**Left Top and Bottom:** Terry's Ghia adding some colour to the line up.



**Right Bottom:** Nothing says 'class' like two-tone and whitewalls



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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:

## Intermarque Concours d'Elegance—(12th February)

Despite some on/off weather, we had a great turn out of 10 VW's on the display as part of the Volkswagen Owners Club participation in the 39 Concours d'Elegance at Ellerslie.

Huge thanks to John Atkinson, who took on the role of organizing & coordinating this event





**Right:** Brendon's serpentine equipped 1776



**Left:** High shots showing the overall club display layout

**Right:** John's single cab



**Right:** Some of the (friendly?) faces in attendance.



**Left:** High shots showing the overall club display layout

**Right:** More (friendly?) faces who dropped on by throughout the day



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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/>

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**Taranaki club.** <http://www.taranakivw.co.nz/index.htm>

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