
THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

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Well, I haven't been able to attend too many VW events over the last few months but the run I went on a few Sundays ago was a real doozy and re-affirmed my belief that there is nothing like just getting into your VW and going for a drive somewhere. It doesn't have to be a highly organised event or something with complex instructions, just a pleasant drive on a sunny day with some nice scenery along the way is enough to allow you to enjoy your VW.

The event in question was a drive to the Nikau caves and café, and was organised by the Waikato VW club. The day turned out to be one of those where it couldn't make up its mind whether it wanted to rain or not, but hey, that didn't stop the punters from turning up at the Autobahn Service Stop at Papkura... a good mixture of Beetles, Kombis and the odd Karmann Ghia, and we were soon off, convoy style, down the southern motorway, then crossing the Waikato river and weaving our way thru the wonderful countryside around Tuakau, Pukekawa, Glen Murray etc.

Eventually we did a right turn down a country road heading for Waikaretu which is where the caves and café are. By some strange coincidence we met up with the Waikato club convoy coming out of a side road from a southerly direction, so it was a very large convoy of VW's that pulled into the Café that afternoon! Over 20 vehicles I believe! Quite a large Café, very homely, with comfortable seating and a large wood fire, plus a large deck with views over the gardens, paddocks and craggy hills. The "packed lunch" that we had pre-ordered consisted of home-made pies and salad, followed by a piece of cake for desert... very nice too. Soon it was time for some cave viewing, but we were warned that "you will get wet and muddy" so that kept down the numbers.

Those that went did get wet and muddy but said it was well worth it...the tour takes about an hour. The rest of us took it easy and sat round having a coffee or two and discussing the woes of the world! It was a nice and cosy Café after all! By now the rain had started as well so staying inside was the best thing to do, although had it been nicer it would have been great to go for a wander around the gardens and across the large swing bridge just down the road....make mental note, we should do this trip again in the summer! By four o'clock we decided to call it a day and headed for home.

Great little run Waikato, thanks for the invite!

Knut Erbs

VW NEWS

Went to the Field-days this year after not having been for many many years and couldn't believe how big this show has now become. There must have been well over 1000 exhibitors there, including many of the car companies trying to sell the farmers their latest HiLux or Amarok or whatever other breed of 4WD there is. Spent a bit of time on the Volkswagen (NZ) exhibit, which had several versions of the AMAROK twincab pick-up on display as well as a single cab which I hadn't seen before. Free coffee and soup and a bun were on offer, as well as a good collection of brochures so that seemed to make it all worthwhile ! Another thing I noticed was the advertising video they were playing contained a lot of historical Kombi footage...now how do I get one of those !!

The VW Up! Mini car that was launched last year has really got off to a good start... it has just been named World Car of the Year 2012 by a panel of judges at the New York Auto Show. It was also named car of the year by the British car magazine "What Car" and has won numerous other awards in various European countries. Motoring journalists praise it for its efficient use of space, safety and general motoring fun. The car is powered by a 3 cylinder one litre engine and comes in various levels of trim with such names as "take up!" and "move up!" and "high up!". Not sure if it will ever come to NZ...



In China, at the Beijing Auto Show, VW showed off the "E-Bugster" concept convertible, based on the latest VW Beetle. This version is fully Electric and will run for 160km before needing a re-charge (35 minutes for a recharge), but what this "bugster" really highlights is the imminent release of the convertible version of the Beetle...if it looks anything like the Bugster concept then it will be a winner. No news yet on when the Beetle will be available in NZ; you can however buy the VW Golf convertible in NZ, for a relatively modest \$43,000 (that's "modest" by VW standards I mean !).

Matt Marion from Michigan, USA, has owned a 2001 VW Jetta Turbo from new and recently clocked up 500,000 miles in it (that's like 800,000 kilometers !) where-upon he took it back to VW for them to give him a "health report" for it. They say the car still looks like near new, and the original engine looks like it will do another 500K...wear on the pistons and bores being negligible! Matt says he's had to replace the catalytic converter a couple of times and changes the cam belt and spark plugs every 100,000 miles, and uses nothing but a high quality synthetic oil for his very regular oil changes.

Knut Erbs

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;

Jack and Jill Rolfe	1973 Kombi, 1970 Squareback, 1971 Fastback
Darren Mitchell	VW Buggy

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)

Subscriptions due for year 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

Subscriptions are now due for the financial year starting 1 July 2012, please send your cheque for \$28.00 along with your details to;

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Next time your on the Web, log on to the www.vwownersclub.co.nz/ website, and there will be a link to the latest magazine, available for download in PDF format.

Also, if you'd prefer to receive the magazine in electronic format, (via Email) then drop Terry a line at tsawyer@clear.net and the next edition will be delivered to you in that format instead

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the 'Winter' edition of the Volksvoice magazine. Its been a busy few months with the Nationals taking up a chunk of them for some of us.

Big congratulations go to John Atkinson in his single cab ute, who took first prize in the "Bus to 1967", and Ken O'Halloran in his Kombi took second prize in the "Bus 1980 on".

You can see more about the nationals in the following pages, as well as online on the Nationals website — Dunedin 2012 link <http://www.vwnationals.co.nz>

It was a great opportunity to catch up with people who you've talked to online via one of the forums, or in my case put face sto the TradeMe accounts I've brought something off :)



As for me, despite not taking down a VW, we managed to rent something not *too* boring and make a road trip out of the fortnight off anyway.

Heading off from Dunedin across to Queens-town for some adventure tourism and the Cycle Trail, and heading back via a few days in Naseby to have go at Curling (Which I can highly recommend if you ever get a chance!)



In hindsight probably worked out for the best, as despite the sun, it was pretty cold and my lack of heater boxes would have proved my undoing anyway!

Going forward we've got a bit to fill in the winter. July kicks off with Dubfreeze hosted by Tauranga club, and then the re-instatement of the Go-Karts fixture.

August has us up for a quick blat around the track at Hampton downs followed by a run to the Snow for a weekend, and then saving

the best for last we have been invited for a tour of the Warbirds hangers including a recently restored Mosquito.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at some/all of these!
Lloyd

Seems appropriate right now....



Head for the hills.

When it comes to snow and ice, the Volkswagen is downright Canadian. It doesn't mind the cold because it has no radiator. Instead of troublesome water, the engine is cooled with air. (This winter you can spend your anti-freeze money on a compass.)

Perhaps you've noticed how a VW pushes its way through snow without chains or special tires. Here's why: the engine is in the rear with its weight over the drive wheels. The extra pressure means extra traction. While others are spinning and weaving, you'll be threading your way home.

There's another reason why Volkswagens keep moving. Unlike conventional cars, the underside of a VW is a com-

pletely smooth sheet of metal. There are no wires or rods to be damaged; no irregular shapes to slow you down.

Come in and test drive the winter-loving Volkswagen. You'll find room on the inside for two adults, three growing children and all their luggage. The Volkswagen will take you any place you want to go. And don't worry about being cold. The VW heater comes with the car.

If you're still concerned about heading out into the snowy wilderness, here's a comforting thought: we have 346 dealers across Canada ready to cheer you on.



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QUALITAT VW NATIONALS 2012

A small but keen bunch of 'Aucklanders' made the big trip south for the Nationals at Easter.

Dunedin put on a great show weather wise, with the show and shine being hosted inside the Forsythe Barr stadium. A fantastic venue, made even more impressive by the fact that the night before it had hosted a rugby match the night before!!



But by 8am the following morning the grounds had been transformed into the venue for the show-n-shine portion of the weekend, giving no clues nor hints to the previous nights activities.

Every non-playing area of the stadium had been turned in the VW Mecca of the south for the show, with skateboard demonstrations going on in the corner for entertainment

Kombis and Karman-ghia's flanked the entrance, while beetles and others/specials lined the outside of the playing pitch—140 Vehicles filling the stadium and allowing a 360 degree viewing experience in the process.

Huge thanks to the Dunedin Team for their organization, and also to those who were able to make the journey down to 'represent' Auckland as well.

Lloyd





Wide angle view of the covered stadium interior.



Clockwise from above:

- Johns Single cab;
- Kens T3 camper;
- Eddies Westfalia;
- Two 'action shots' of the Dury's single cab.



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.

Friday 29th June — Sunday 1st July
Dub Freeze - Opal Springs, Matamata

Dubfreeze 2012

Dubfreeze 2012 will be held at Opal hot springs Friday June 29th – Sunday 1st July.

If you are interested in coming to Dubfreeze 2012 visit their website and contact the Hot springs office direct to make bookings and enquiries — <http://opalhotsprings.co.nz/>

For those not familiar with the Dubfreeze concept.. this is where we all sit around in your warmest and favorite fleecy track pants and try to keep warm by answering extremely difficult (if not impossible to answer) questions in one of Jess Danby's quizzes, and enjoying hot and some cold beverages until you warm up .. simple but usually takes half the night.

Sunday 22th July — Blast-A-Cars

Been far too long since we did this, so it's back on! Fun for young & old—with a slight twist. These aren't just go-Karts, they are 'Drift' Karts. For those of you who remember the Karting we did out Takanini all those years ago, it's the same on a bigger scale

Location is Concourse Raceway (Under new management) in Henderson. Price will be \$65p/p however we hopefully can get this down with the more numbers that book.

We need to provide numbers for the booking, so if you are keen let me know in advance!
 Contact Lloyd on wrxetr@gmail.com or 0275-012-864

Sunday 29th July — Shed 5 Café Run

No details at time of printing, so updates will be posted via Email or on the NZD Facebook page.

Monday 13th August—Snow Planet

Practice night in preparation for the Powder Run II

No details at time of printing, so updates will be posted via Email or on the NZD Facebook page.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday 26th August — Hampton Downs Open Day

On Sunday 26 August 2012, Hampton Downs and Historic Racing Club will be holding a Motorsport Open Day. This is an easy and inexpensive introduction to motorsport.

Session One 10am-1pm- Just drive around the circuit in your own car at under 100km/h behind the safety car. This is a great way to experience driving around the circuit at a comfortable pace.

Session Two 1pm-4pm- This part of the day will be for drivers who want to experience the track at a faster pace. Drivers will have to wear helmets and overalls (which are available for hire) to drive around Hampton Downs at a faster pace in small groups. There will be basic in-car instruction and advice on how to get into motorsport.

Please note that cars have to be road registered.
Entries on the day

For more information contact:

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Friday 31st August—Sunday 2 September — The Powder Run II

Hosted by NZDubbers

This is first and foremost is a cruise up to the mountains, but most use it as an opportunity to have some fun up on the white stuff too. For those who do want to play; there will be a mixed bunch of abilities from novice upwards, so do not be afraid you'll be left behind.

If you want to be free of little ones for a while Turoa ski field offers crèche/toddler facilities and there is also ski school if you want to polish up your own skills. Up the mountain there are also cafes that serve excellent food and beer too if you want to sit some runs out!

For those that just wanting to take things a little more calmly there is heaps of mind blowing scenery around, some great walks, mountain bike rides, and tons of cafes and pubs in Ohakune village too. As previously, it's choose and book your own accommodation to suit your own requirements. But note that if you do intend to come down, get your reservation in early as it gets booked up quick in the ski season.

Wherever you stay, we will converge on a drinking hole in the evenings to meet up.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday 30th September — Ardmore Warbirds visit

Ritchie Waterreus (VWOC member) of Icarus Services Ltd has been involved over the last 8 years with the restoration of a Mosquito FB26. It has been on display to the public for most of this time and he has shown many groups around over the years including a number of fellow VWer's from the Tauranga club. In late September it is scheduled to fly and then soon after it will be leaving for its owner in the US.

He has invited the VW Owners Club to visit and view the aircraft, probably on 30 September (to be confirmed). Members of the Tauranga VW Club will be travelling up on the Saturday and camping overnight at Ardmore .

The event will start around 10:00am at Ardmore Airfield and will include visits to several other Warbirds hangars, followed by a BBQ lunch

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Saturday 6th October — Qualitat 40th Anniversary Celebration



40th Anniversary Celebration 1972-2012

Saturday 6th October 2012 1-5pm

Wayne & Josie are organizing a 40th anniversary function to celebrate 40 years of Qualitat looking after the VW & Audi market in NZ and would like customers, employees and suppliers, past & present to help them to celebrate this milestone. If you would like to attend, email your interest to josie@qualitat.co.nz

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"The POWDER RUN II"

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As previously, it's choose and book your own accommodation to suit your own requirements. But note that if you do intend to come down, get your reservation in early as it gets booked up quick in the ski season. We can recommend a few places, but last year, most went to the Top 10 campsite right in the centre of town. The campsite has a range of cabins, from basically a box with a bunk bed and heater, up to a fully contained cabins. Or you can camp.....Respect. There are also some pretty swanky lodges around for those with a deeper pocket. Wherever you stay, we will converge on a drinking hole in the evenings to meet up.

But it goes without saying; it's going to be cold. Bring more than just mankinis and miniskirts.

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Pukekohe Wheels of Fortune – 15 April 2012

Sunday 15 April saw a good selection of nine vehicles gathered at Pukekohe Raceway representing the VW Owners. The Wheels of Fortune was in its second year, run by the Pukekohe Lions club as a fundraising event. Held annually this event attracts vehicle enthusiasts from all walks of life. Vehicles on display included past and present, original and modified, slow and fast, classic and unique so there was something to suit everyone's in motoring.

It is run as a family event with plenty of entertainment for the children, as well as non-stop music provided by some of the local bands.

The day is finished with a mass parade of all the vehicles doing three laps of the Pukekohe track, where members of the public are encouraged to hop into their favourite car for a ride.

Proceeds from Wheels of Fortune 2012 went to the Pukekohe Volunteer Fire Brigade, Pukekohe Police, Pukekohe St Johns Ambulance, Waiuku and Papakura Coastguard and Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Terry Sawyer





Nikau Caves Run — 27th May 2012

Sunday May 27th saw a large group of VW's join in for a combined run to Nikau Caves, just south of Port Waikato. The Auckland contingent meet at the Autobahn Café in Papakura before heading off to meet the Waikato club en route.



Heading off from here we enjoyed a variety of weather as the convoy headed south to Pokeno via the motorway, and then on to some great back-roads that showed why New Zealand is a great country for a Sunday drive.

In one of the most fortuitous (or well planned) moments in convoy history we meet the Waikato convoy just short of our destination in a merge like a zip moment.



While some chose to stay warm and catch-up (gossip?) - others of us went off and did the glow-worm cave tour, an amazing sight which included a highlight of some amazing under-

ground terraces of calcite, many differing sizes and examples of stalactites and stalagmites and glow-worms — Which made the 12m of crawling through a very narrow tunnel with a running stream of water well worth it!!!

Lloyd





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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)
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Club Badges (Die cast metal four colour enamel finish) \$25.00 + \$2.00 p&p.

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The following companies are offering a discount to club members.

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Any For Sales, Articles etc etc, please e-mail to wrxetr@gmail.com.

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<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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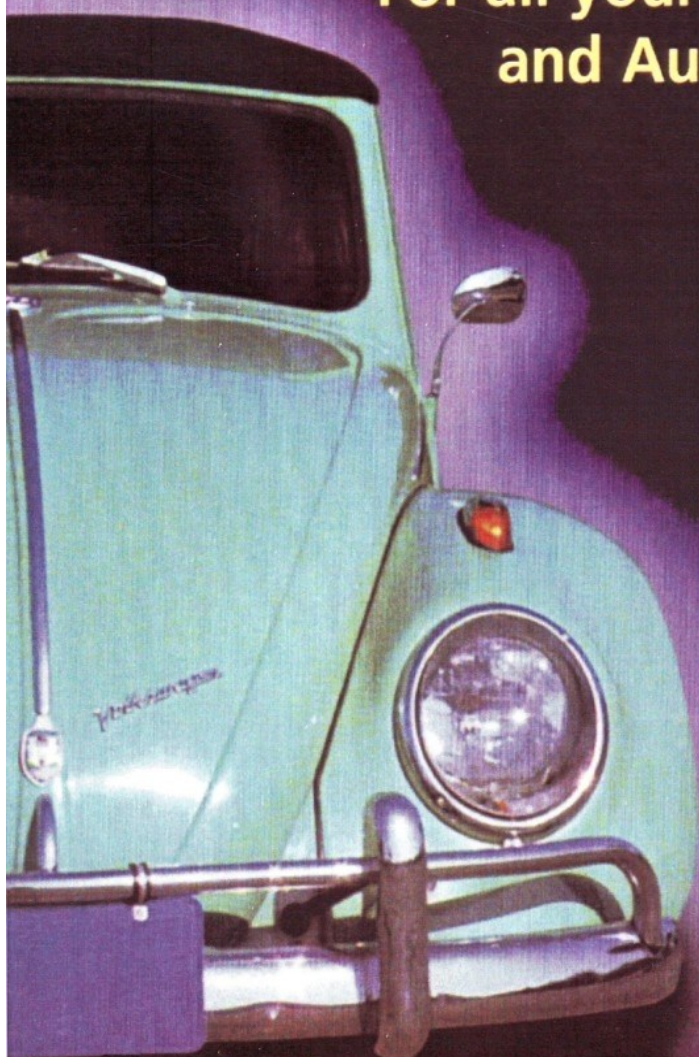
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