# THE OFFICIAL VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE VOLKSWAGEN OWNER'S CLUB MAGAZINE

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Hi Volks, welcome to the Spring edition of Volksvoice.... yes it is Spring, the days are definitely getting warmer, and now with daylight saving here the days seem a lot longer and brighter as well ! I'd like to welcome all new members to the club, hope you enjoy your stay, and hopefully we will see you at some of our events. Speaking of events, we have had a few recently and have a few more coming up. Plus the monthly meeting at the Vintage Car Club hall in Penrose...come along for a discussion on your favourite toy, have a beer, and now that daylight saving is here, something to eat off the Barbie ( food courtesy of the club ). Two of the events that I have recently attended are the McLaren Trust Coast to Coast run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September and the visit to the Packard museum in Whangerei a couple of weeks later.

The McLaren Coast to Coast is held annually and attracts a good field of close to 80 cars of all makes and models. This year several VW club members took part, including Ken O'Halloran in his Kombi, Colin Jury in his VW single cab, Terry Sawyer in his Karmann, Andrew Bayliss in a very nice Fiat 125 and Ben Doughney in his recently acquired Daimler Sovereign... don't ask me why VW owners drive anything other than a VW ! John Atkinson and I caught a lift with Ben in the Daimler, and this years run took us thru the backblocks of Clevedon and the Hunuas and ending with a nice lunch at Ramarama. Throughout the run you are supposed to keep your eyes open for answers to the clues on the entry sheet and there are prizes to be had for those that did. Ken won first prize and Colin and Andrew tied for third, so a great effort by the VW owners. A great run in nice sunny conditions I might add.

The visit to the Packard Museum in Whangerei was organized by Ben Doughney. This Museum is not generally open to the public but is open to car clubs "by appointment". The Museum is really a huge collection of all sorts of cars, trucks, motorbikes and other machinery, housed in several large warehouses. However the main display is the collection of over 50 Packard vehicles, mostly in either restored or otherwise excellent condition, dating from the twenties thru to the sixties. The collection is the result of many years of collecting by one man, and is certainly worth going to have a look at.

Events coming up include our ever popular Spring Jamboree on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Bulli camping weekend on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, and the coast to coast Raglan run on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Keep those dates free and we will see you there.

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Well, the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> October turned out to be a cracker as far as VW activities was concerned ! On offer was a visit to a VW restoration shop, a party celebrating 40 years of wonderful VW service, and a visit to Ardmore airport to get a close inspection of the recently restored Mosquito fighter-bomber from WW2. Didn't leave much time to do anything else that weekend ! Unfortunately I was unable to go to the Kombi Klassic NZ workshop in Pukekohe, where many a VW has been restored to as new condition, but a good few VW enthusiasts did. Instead I was being wined and dined on board the Dawn Princess which was berthed at Princes wharf in downtown Auckland...man, the selection of food on offer has to be seen to be believed, and you can see why it is so easy to put on weight on a cruise ! That was also the reason why I was late for the event of the year, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Qualitat Motors. Yes, club member Wayne Fenton and a couple of his mates started their business way back in 1972, not long after Beetle production ground to a halt in NZ.

Now, as we all know, every Beetle and Kombi needs an oil change every six months and a service every year, and with the "official" service outlets "closing shop" Wayne reckoned what was needed was a VW shop offering "Quality" service, and Qualitat was born ! Waynes new bride Josie soon joined the business as well and the rest is history, as they say ! Anyway, 40 years later they put on a party worthy of the name, and invited customers past and present to come and relive those 40 years. Pity I missed the cake cutting and the speeches, but it was good to catch-up with so many VW people in one place, and to hear stories about some of the patchy, err, sorry, quality work performed in their workshop over the years ! Great selection of beverages and food I might add ! Thanks Qualitat, looking forward to the next forty years !

VW Club Member Ritchie Waterreus works at Ardmore Aerodrome restoring vintage aircraft and he invited the VW club to come out on Sunday to view the recently restored Mosquito fighter-bomber. There was a good turn-out of cars, with people from the Hamilton and Tauranga clubs there as well, and on arrival Ritchie announced that the plane would be brought out for a flight....which was a great sight.

In addition we were given a tour of the workshops, seeing some of the other aircraft currently under restoration and the amount of work that goes into restoring an old plane, especially one made of wood ! A great day, and thanks to Ritchie for making it happen !.

Well that's it from me, have a great spring, get your dubs out for a few more runs, and see you at some of the events !

Yours in aircooled motors, Knut Erbs

# DRIFT KARTS — 22 JULY

One of regular events on our calendar years ago that hadn't seen light of day for a while was a Go Kart day, so after calling in a few favours on pricing I organized one for a Sunday afternoon - however, just to mix things up a bit these were not your average Go Karts!

These were drift Karts — Locked Diffs, polished concrete and a smattering of talcum powder just to makes things extra slippery.

We ended up having around 20 people in attendance and so were split into two groups of 10 which after a practice session had a semi-final to find a final few of 10 for a grand final drift -off battle.



A great day out, with a few personal rivalries between some of us "settled" (temporarily).

With strong demand from a few members for a re-match, we will be organizing another one of these early on in the new year, stay tuned on the website or make sure you are on Terry's events email list.

Lloyd



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, it's been a busy time since the last magazine with a lot of events to cover. We do our best to give you a high-light of these events, but for those more inclined to the "interweb" remember to check out the club website, especially the Gallery page where you can see all the pictures we don't have the space to cover in magazine format.

Keep your eyes peeled too, webmaster Ben is working on an update to the Gallery section which we hope to debut any day now :)



One of the big events of the past few months was without doubt the Birthday Celebrations at Qualitat European Motors on the 6th October where Wayne and Josie Fenton hosted a party to help celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

A fantastic party with great hosts who have been stalwarts in the Volkswagen community and great supports of many events and individuals.

See later in the Magazine for some of the photo's from this events and also online in the Gallery.

The other big event was an invite by Richard and Tracey Waterreus to a sneak peak at the Mosquito fighter-bomber that they had been involved in the restoration of.

To the delight of all upon arrival we were greeted with the news that it was going to fly that day! So not only did we get a great behind the scenes tour and explanation by Richard, but also the opportunity to witness this magnificent aircraft taxi, launch and return — with the highlight for many having to be the sound of the twin engines! (Although at one point these were "almost" drowned out by the sound of cameras clicking!)

Looking ahead we have the big three to round off the year — First off is the Auckland VW Jamboree. This year Terry has again successfully managed to navigate the Supercity council and secure the use of the Watene reserve again, which worked so successfully as the site of the Jamboree last year.

Following that, we have Bulli to look forward to. Hosted by the Hawkes Bay VW Club and situated at the Mountain Valley Adventure Camp this year.

And the rounding off the year we have the annual Raglan Run, which vehicles convoying from various start points to congregate in Hamilton for the final run to Raglan.

Hopefully see you at one or more of these Lloyd

# HAMPTON DOWNS OPEN DAY – 26 AUGUST

Sunday 26 August was the Hampton Downs open day which included a session from 9:00am-1:00pm where anyone could drive around the circuit in your own car at a comfortable pace (under 100km/h) behind the safety car.

This is a great opportunity to experience one of New Zealand's premier motor racing cir-

cuits and get an appreciation of the challenges built into the varying corners of this track. The rules allow for safe overtaking on acceleration on the straight sections, with overtaking strictly prohibited under braking or in corners.

Anyone breaking this rule is black flagged off the track and given a stern talking to.



The session ran continuously for the three hours, allowing drivers to pull into the pits to take a breather and cool off, then re-join the circuit again.

VWOC members Emslie White in her daily driver VW beetle convertible, and I had a very enjoyable day and it would be great to see a few more VW's represented at the next open day.

Terry Sawyer



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# DEUS EX MECHIANA CAFÉ — 29 JULY

One cold and wet Sunday a few souls braved the weather for a meet in Auckland. The Day started with a meet at the Quay Street car park opposite the Fish Market for a park and pre-coffee catch up.



With some folks having more luck than others navigating the exit to the car park! we then proceeded with a cruise through the city center to the Deus Ex Machina Café, also known as Shed 5 ion the upper deck of 90 Wellesley street.





The set-up is half motor-bike museum and half-motor-bike parts with a café on the side.

Hours could be (and were) spent wandering around the various displays.

Big thanks to Sam/Tania for organizing

Lloyd

#### **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;

Roger Whitefield and Michelle Knight	1974 Beetle
Steve Ford	1974 Kombi
Mike and Lyn Pooley	1971 Beetle 1302S
Mark and Maureen Titchener	1989 VW Camper

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Apologies for the delay in getting this one out, we decided to hold off printing so we could include the October "Big VW" weekend events in the magazine. Thanks for your patience

Lloyd

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

### BRUCE MCLAREN TRUST COAST TO COAST — 2 SEPTEMBER

The Bruce McLaren Coast to Coast classic car run is a popular annual event which attracts a group of around 80 vehicles of all makes and models. The organisers provide detailed route instructions, which include a number of cryptic questions to be answered along the way designed to test your powers of observation and imagination.



The run was well represented by the Auckland VW Owners driving five VW models, plus Andrew and Heather in their very nice Fiat 125, as well as Ben, John and Knut enjoying the relative luxury of Ben's Daimler.



# BRUCE MCLAREN TRUST COAST TO COAST Cont.

The cars and crews gathered at the Manurewa Botanical Gardensat 9:00am to collect the route instructions and driver's briefing, then were flagged away at one minute intervals. The run covered some 100km's of the spectacular country roads through Alfriston, Clevedon, Hunua, Paparimu, Paparata, Pokeno, down Highway 1 to Mercer, then heading west taking in Pukekawa, Tuakau, and Runciman; eventually ending at the Ramarama Country Inn for lunch and prize giving.

The prizes are a mix of fun spot prizes as well as the serious ones based on the number of correct answers recorded on the route sheet. he overall winner was WVOC members Ken and Glenda O'Halloran, assisted by their four passengers. Andrew and Heather Bayliss (2011 winners) and Colin and Jo Jury shared third prize. This was Ken and Glenda's second win, having previously won the trophy in 2003.

Terry Sawyer



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# **CONING** 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.

# 18th November (Sunday) - Spring Jamboree Show and Shine

The annual Spring Jamboree Show and Shine event will be held at Watene Reserve, 9 Tamaki Drive, Orakei between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Vehicles should be parked on site by 10:00am. Prize giving will be at 11:30am, followed by a BBQ lunch.

Watene Reserve is on the corner just past the Kayak Hire shop and is very handy to the beach for the family to enjoy a swim.

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# 23rd - 25th November, (Friday — Sunday) - Bulli 15

Hosted by Hawke's Bay Volkswagen owners club

Mountain valley adventure camp State highway 5 (Napier Taupo road) www.mountainvalley.co.nz

Visit their website for details and to book 20% off normal prices, so tell them you are with the vw club when you book

# 2nd December (Sunday) - Raglan Run

Pack a picnic lunch and full tank of petrol and join us for the annual Raglan run.

Meet at the Papakura AutoBahn on the Southern Motorway at 10:00am. From there we will convoy down to Hamilton to meet up with the Tauranga and Hamilton VW clubs at McDonalds, Greenwood Street, Frankton.

The combined group will then convoy to Raglan for a picnic lunch. This is a great family day out and a very popular VW outing.

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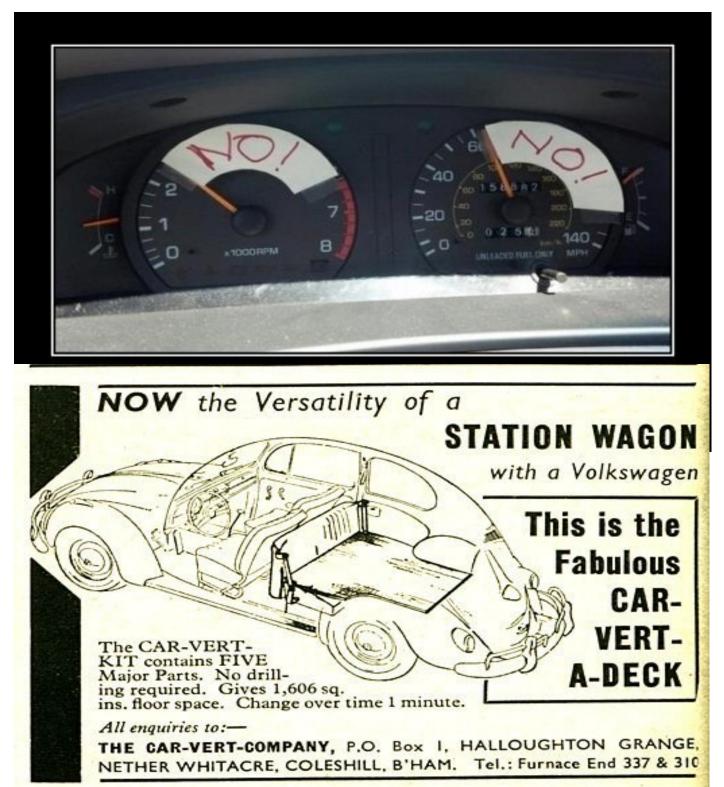
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#### 29th - 1st April, (Friday — Monday) 2013 Qualitat Volkswagen Nationals

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/

#### *Letting your children borrow your VW? Try this approach...*



# KOMBI KLASSICS WORKSHOP VISIT – 6 OCTOBER

The start of the big VW weekend began with a breakfast at the Autobahn café before heading off to Simons workshop to see a sampling of his current projects and also see a sampling of the funky green panels he has sourced for VW restoration.

Many thanks to Simon for not only opening his doors, but for also taking the time to describe the various projects as well as humour us with some of the questions.

Rather than attempt to describe in words Simons skill, I'll let the pictures speak for themselves



Lloyd



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# QUALITAT EUROPEAN MOTORS 40TH BIRTHDAY — 6 OCTOBER

As mentioned earlier, one of the highlight events of the past few months was Qualitat European Motors 40th anniversary — which was celebrated in style by Wayne and Josie Fenton by hosting a party at Qualitat European Motors premises at 220 Station Road, Penrose where many of the New Zealand VW community was able to join in to help them celebrate.

Not only was the workshop decorated, but also a large marquis had been setup—as well as going to the effort of putting up a memories board with photos of people and events of the last 40 years

A fantastic event from great hosts.

Many thanks Wayne & Josie from the VW Owners Club for all your support of us and all the Volkswagen community





# HOT ROD BREAKFAST 7 OCTOBER

On the morning of the Mosquito tour, a few members (who presumable didn't watch the early morning All blacks game?) meet for the Hot Rod Breakfast in Wiri.

This event occurs on the first Sunday of each month, and features many Hot Rods meeting to park up, share a coffee (And breakfast for those in need of more than just caffeine!) and of course, talk cars.

A huge turnout from the VW's with number bolstered by some of the out-of-towners who had made the journey north for the weekend.



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### IN VW NEWS...

The big news this month has to be the Paris motor show where VW released the new 7<sup>th</sup> generation Golf. The car is all new, built on VW's new MOB platform, and although slightly bigger than the previous Golf it weighs over 100KG less ! Less weight of course means less fuel and better performance. It has lots of advanced electronic aids to help you along.... self parking is old hat, what about automatic braking, right to a complete stop !



Its called City Emergency Braking, and if you don't brake then the car will . The Modular MQB platform is a masterpiece of design and engineering and will be used on all VW Group cars from a Polo thru to a Passat, such is its versatility. It also means that any of the cars using this platform can be produced in the same factory, on the same production line. And yes, it does still look like a Golf ! And remember "why drive something that looks like a Golf when you can have a Golf !! " Release date in NZ is in March 2013 in case you want one !

Another new VW just announced is the Beetle convertible....this will be officially released at the Los Angeles motor show in November. It has a folding soft-top and VW are calling it ".the third-generation of the iconic VW ragtop. Like its predecessors—the type 15 from 1949 and the 2003 New Beetle Convertible ...the new curvaceous convertible offers the perfect combination of practicality and fun for four". Good to see VW acknowledging it's air-cooled past after all these years of being out in the wilderness ! Not sure how long it will be before the convertible gets to NZ but apparently the Beetle tin-top is coming our way in January 2013.

If you think HYBRIDS have to be slow and dull and boring then think again...VW have just broken the land speed record for Hybrids with a two directional run at Bonneville Salt Flats at 187 mph... that's over 300km/h in our language. The car was a VW Jetta hybrid, running in the production class, where modifications are strictly controlled, although tuning of the engine is allowed ! VW are releasing the new Jetta Hybrid on the US market in 2013, starting at \$25,000 USD. The car has a 1.4 litre turbo petrol engine and a 27hp electric motor, for a combined 170hp.... Slightly less than the record breaking car !

#### Knut Erbs

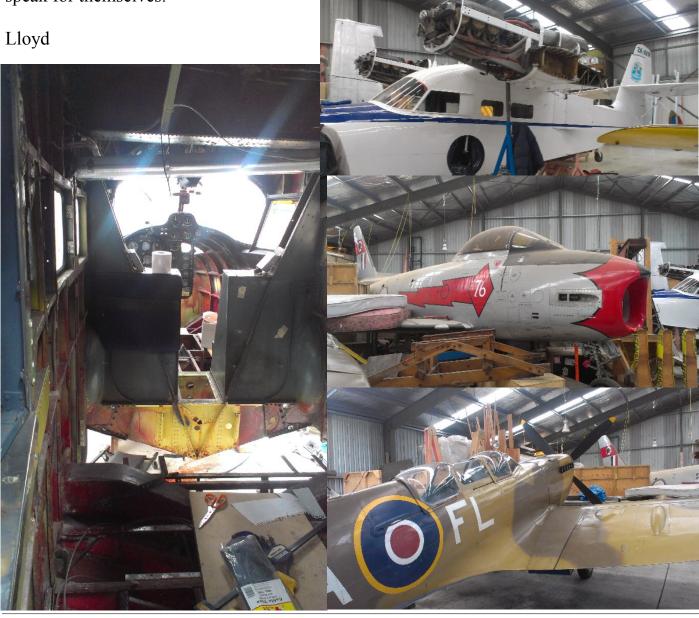
# WARBIRD RESTORATIONS VISIT — 7 OCTOBER

The last event of the big VW weekend was a visit to Warbird Restorations, and we are hugely indebted to Richard and Tracey Waterreus for organizing such a rare and fantastic event.

As mentioned earlier, to the delight of all we were greeted with the news that we were going to witness the worlds only flying Mosquito taking off!

In addition to viewing the Mosquito, we were treated by Richard to an explanation of the workshop facilities and the restoration process — including stories of how some of the original parts were tracked down, from making detours via airports to looking around, to even finding the odd item on TradeMe!

In addition to the Mosquito, we were also treated to view other historic aircraft in the surrounding sheds. Again, rather than try and describe this with words, I'll let the pictures speak for themselves.









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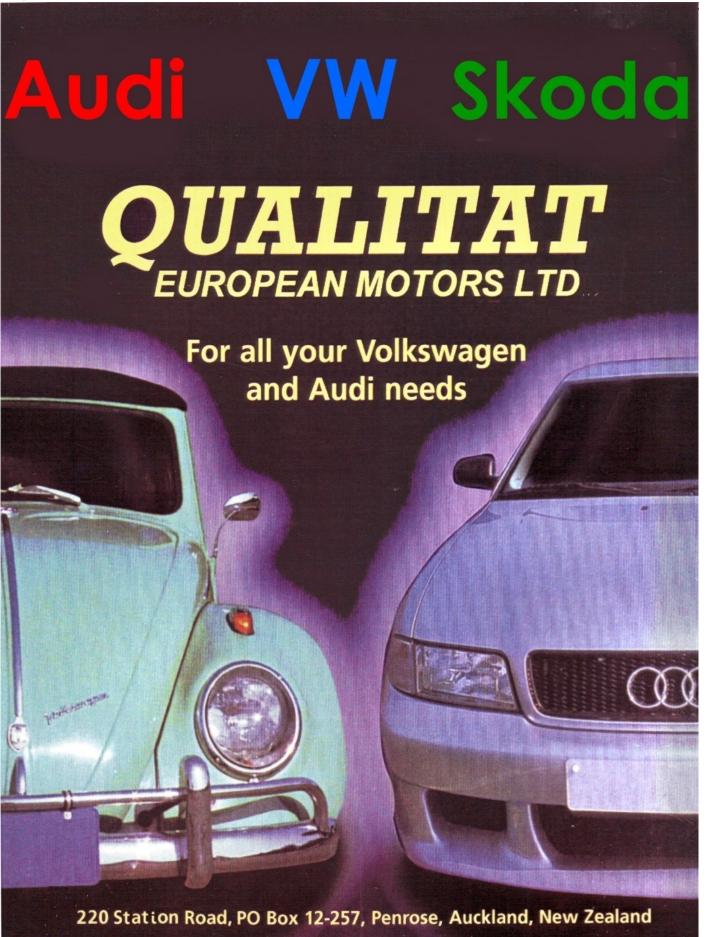
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