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It was a fine evening on Friday 31st May when 6 VW owners/enthusiasts met in the departure lounge of the Auckland Airport to begin their long planned VW holiday to Los Angeles and Germany... everybody was excited and couldn't believe that the time to go had finally come !

The plan was to spend 10 days in LA to partake in all the VW events that occur in LA in the 1st week of June every year, and then to fly on to Germany to go to the vintage VW meet at Hessich Oldendorf and then onto Wolfsburg to take part in the 75th Anniversary weekend.

Arrived in LA to glorious sunshine, six lane motorways and lots of cars ! First port of call VW wise was the next day when we visited the "Open House Party" put on by Octavio, who owns a VW interior restoration shop... he makes complete interiors for VW busses, the split window ones I saw looked like factory!

It was in an industrial complex, and many of the shops (ie factory units) were open and were into VW restorations of one sort or another so lots to see. Quite a good turnout of VW's, all models, owners were mainly Mexican, and the free BBQ served Mexican food... what else ! Good friendly crowd, so we spent quite a few hours here.



Next day, Sunday, was Pomona Swap meet day...these are held once every six weeks, start real early (like five AM !) and attract lots and lots of people and cars. The swap meet is made up of several hundred swap meet sites plus a large "cars for sale" section.

Interesting to note were the International Shippers stands (including NZ company Main-freight) where you could just roll-up with your purchase details and they did the rest...

obviously there are a lot of foreign buyers. In the VW section there were about 50 swappers setup, with some selling only new bits and others with lots of secondhand stuff. Interesting was the fact that you could buy all those little bits that you need but can never find, and also that there was always a price premium for any second hand parts that were "original" ie German.

In the cars for sale section there were a good selection of beetles and Kombis, but nothing was cheap. My eye caught a 1970 VW Porsche 914 for sale that the owner said I could have for \$3000 ... he said it ran well and was registered!

Monday and Tuesday were non VW days so we went to Disneyland and Universal Studios where lots of fun can be had.



Wednesday we went to Walmart ! (yeah !) then visited another VW restoration shop, West Coast Classic restorations, run by a well known US VW figure, Lenny Copp. Lenny has been in the VW business for 30+ years and his speciality is interiors...he gave us a tour of his workshop and he says if you want to own a splitty bus that will sell for \$100K then it needs one of his interior refurbishments! Certainly looked like nice work that he was doing.

We also visited a VW engine workshop (FAT Performance VW) who turn out "hot" VW aircooled engines and they are obviously popular as lots of show cars seem to have them installed. That night there was a BBQ and show put on by Rich Kimball, the man who writes all the vintage stuff for Hot VW's magazine. He lives at the end of a cul de sac and basically when he puts on a BBQ/show the whole of the street becomes a VW parking lot ! There must have been 60 or more cars parked there, with lots of very nice cars and busses, including the 1956 light blue oval owned by club member Tom Summers... car got lots of attention simply because it was RHD ! BBQ food was good too... German sausage and lots of salads !



Thursday we visited Wolfsburg West, one of the largest US suppliers of VW aircooled parts, and we were lucky enough to be given a tour thru their (huge !) parts warehouse... they certainly stock lots of parts for VW, and were also busy restoring a couple of split busses. Bought a few bits and pieces and then drove round the corner where we came across a very large VW new car showroom. Needless to say we had to stop and have a look at their new VW's, includ-

ing the new Beetle convertible which is still to arrive here... very nice too... what made our eyes water though was the pricing... a new Beetle with 2.0 litre engine for \$21,000 USD .. about 27,000 NZD, and a new Golf or Jetta with 2.5 litre engine for less than that !!

We must have looked excited because very soon the salesman came out and invited us into the showroom and when they found out we had come all the way from NZ they took our picture and treated us like royalty ! Even bought a few accessories from their VW shop !

On Friday there was another VW show and BBQ, this time at the premises of Pierside VW parts... Pierside are the main sponsors for the VW Classic show held the following Sunday so this was a bit of a warm-up ! Again a large (60 +) turnout of show cars and people and a good bit of food on the BBQ ! Had a look thru their parts store but the only thing I bought was the entry ticket for the Classic on Sunday !

Then it was onto Nicks Burgers where the DKP (Der Kleine Panzers) VW club meet for a cruise and a burn-up on the main street. Huge collection of cars and vans, mostly all very nicely done up, virtually all with BIG engines and lowered... I had trouble finding a car that had a standard engine! The winning show car of the day was a beautifully, just restored, T34 Karmann Ghia, but there were many, many cars just as nice.



Saturday promised to be a real busy day, and it was. Up early and off to the OCTO (Orange County Transporter Organisation) bus meet, which starts at 6.00am. This show and swap meet has been running for over 20 years and is for 1967 and earlier busses only. It attracts a large number of mostly restored busses as well as a very large swap meet...probably 400 + buses here and 100 + swap meet stands. Some very, very nice busses on display; large selection of parts available, new and used, from the smallest nut to full replacement panels. Only thing I bought was a factory radio for a 1500 beetle. At 1.00pm we took off to go to the next show of the day, the VW Toy and Literature swap meet, held at the Wyndham Irvine hotel. Probably about 40 vendors, selling all manner of VW and Porsche literature, toys and memorabilia, nothing especially cheap.

Quite a few hundred punters turned up though, and business seemed to be brisk. I ended up buying a few brochures, including a couple of 914 VW Porsche ones to go with the car I didn't buy at Pomona ! Still, it was interesting to see the range of stuff available, a lot of toys etc that we never see here.

Sunday was another early start, the LA VW show to beat them all, the VW Classic 2013. This is billed as the "world's largest VW show" and they would probably be right. My guess is there must have been something like 1500 cars and busses on display, and on top of that a huge swapmeet area. There were just rows and rows of vehicles on display, and so many nice ones or unique ones or ones that were just different that you could spend all day just looking at the cars, let alone look at the swap meet bargains ! Again, a lot of the vehicles were "slammed" with big engines. Tom Summers had his Beetle and Bus there and he introduced us to all his Mexican friends, who invited us to their VW display area for lunch ! Very lovely and friendly people !

Then it was off to our last event, a BBQ at Charlie Hammills place. Charlie is a split bus enthusiast from way back and he is the organiser for the OCTO show on Saturday. He has a collection of split busses that would make anyone envious, including a "Cinema Bus", as well as a great collection of parts and memorabilia. There were a good number of people at the BBQ and he and his family (including his mother and father I might add) made everybody very welcome ! His father gave me a good run down on the cinema bus and said sometimes they will crank it up and have an outdoor movie night...

Anyway, that was what we did for one week in LA; in the next magazine I will give you a run down of our VW experiences in Germany. Yours in VW's, Knut Erbs



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Presidents Report

As your new president I've recounted my love affair with VW's over the last 30 odd years,

In my single days after hearing of a work colleague who used to drive from Auckland to New Plymouth and return every weekend to see his girlfriend in his VW, this inspired me to trade my Hillman Minx in for a VW beetle, I had this for a number of years, even convincing a cousin and brother to own one,

Just before I was married, traded my tired beetle in for a Vauxhall viva mainly for space etc, For many years went away from VW's 'having a variety of vehicles Holden, Morris Hunter Nissan and then a VR6 Golf.

I jokingly said to my son [Lloyd] that I wouldn't mind a VW beetle as a hobby car. He found one for me; a 1302s. Although not in pristine condition; he helped me do it up; which got him hooked on VW's. We even went to night school to learn car painting and restoration.

I then acquired a Westfalia van from Lloyd and refurbished it to my tastes. During my last job found a Type 3 fastback which I got for free [Wife was not impressed when we towed it home] It required some serious remedial work -now completed and is a very useable car

I am looking forward enjoying outings with fellow members
Eddie Taylor





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-11th August, Sunday- Miranda Weekend Camp Run

Drive down to Miranda for a relaxing weekend. Meet at Papakura Autobahn, for dinner on Friday at 5:30pm, we will leave for Miranda at 6:30pm. Those that want to can head along to the Thames Market on Saturday morning. We will do a fish and chips run for dinner from Kaiaua Fisheries on Saturday night- we usually do a combined order, so bring some cash for the fish and chips.

Make your own bookings for accommodation at the Miranda Holiday Park;
<http://www.mirandaholidaypark.co.nz> or phone 0800 833 144.

Contact Ben Doughney at bdoughney@gmail.com or phone (021) 259 9837 for more information.

23rd-25th August, Sunday - Motor Works Group Snow Run (Powder Run 3)

Family fun weekend away at the snow. Planning for the convoy to heading head off approx. 1pm on the Friday and then heading down to Ohakune for the weekend.

Accommodation is a suit yourself affair, allowing you to pick your level of “stars” (and budget) for the weekend, and then join up on the slopes during the day, and the pubs/ restaurants in the evenings

More details contact Brendon at brendon@motorworksgroup.co.nz
Phone 09-476-1270 or Mobile 021-795-140

8th September, Sunday - McLaren Trust Coast to Coast

Join in with the other Auckland car clubs for a tiki-tour cruise. We will see both coasts somewhere within the run (i.e. the Tasman and the Pacific or the Pacific and the Tasman.)

The general route this year will be in the north of Auckland with a total run of about 100 km and finishing at Riverhead Tavern, Riverhead.

\$40.00 per vehicle with as many navigators/back seat drivers/co-drivers/secretaries/mechanics/mascots... as will fit. Closing date for entries Monday 2nd September with late entry fees thereafter. (cheque, visa / mastercard or Cash)

Contact: Geoff Sarney 09 479 1161 or 0274 962 604
David Curry 09 522 2169
Trust office 09 522 8224



22nd September, Sunday- Kids in Cars - Pukekohe Park Raceway

KIC is happy to announce the date for our next family fun day. 9:00am to 4:00pm
Come down to the new track layout at Pukekohe and help us all put some smiles
on some special children's dials. Don't forget to bring the family down to be part of the day.
We look forward to catching up with you all again. If you wish to help by providing your
VW for the "Road Car" section please complete registration at the web site below.

<http://www.kic.org.nz>

20th October, 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.

15-17th November, Friday-Sunday — Bulli 2013 Orua Bay Beach Motor Camp

Situated at the top of Awhitu Peninsula. This is a great camp, nice and small, right next to
the beach. Catch your dinner standing on the beach (there is a fish 'n' chip shop 15 minutes
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8th May, Wednesday - Technical night with Weber Specialties

On Wednesday we tried a new initiative of a Technical session; This night we invited Murray Johnson of Webber Specialties to the club night to give us a presentation on carburettors and the application in a VW world.

Murray is no stranger to VW, having worked on VW engines in both stock and race form for many years now, as well as being one of the team that built the early Purvis Eureka's in NZ on VW running gear & Type3 motor's (Way way back when...)

Murray went through a simplified explanation of what & how a carburettor works, and then went on to share his thoughts and recommendations (and stories)

The night received overwhelming positive feedback that we hope to expanding & continuing in the future with more Tech nights.

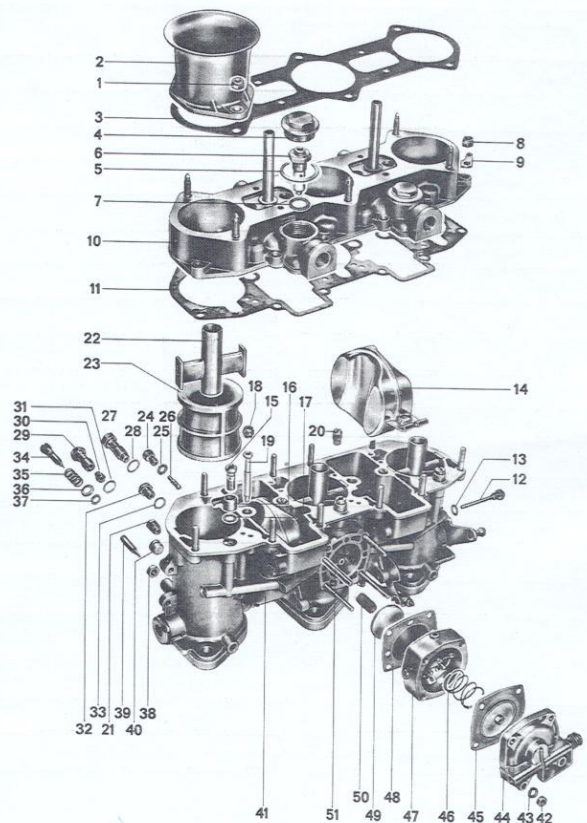


Lloyd Taylor

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14th July, Annual General Meeting results

The 14th of July Club night was also the AGM of the VW owners club.

Terry presented the financial status of the club which is in good state and being well managed.

The club now consists of 118 financial members, with 24 new members having joined in the last 12 months

There were a few changes in the committee make-up:

- Lloyd Taylor resigned as President (but will continue on the committee and as Magazine Editor.)
- Eddie Taylor was elected (unopposed) as President.
- A welcome new addition to the committee is Bill Wallis.
- Terry Sawyer has accepted continuing his role of Secretary/Treasurer.

Other existing members of the committee continue unchanged.

Her first driving lesson with her dad



As noted by a colleague at work—
When learning to drive, it is always important to consider the safety aspects...

Crash Helmet—check,

Life Jacket—check,

Safety boots—check,

Mk4 Golf—check,

Right — We are now ready for 1st driving lesson

12th May, Sunday - Helensville Markets Cannonball Run

The Kaipara Cannonball Run is a steam locomotive run from Auckland to Helensville and return. The steam run is organised by the Mainline Steam Trust for the purposes of taking train buffs on a journey down memory lane.

As well as the VW's, the stand out star of the show was "Jessica" - a newly restored JA1240 steam locomotive. Originally the first of it's class in NZ, and built at the Hillside workshops in Dunedin. The Ja1240 engine entered service in March 1947 but only operated in the South Island, hauling passenger and goods trains between Christchurch and Dunedin.



Retired on November 16, 1971, it was saved from the scrapyard by Peter Coleman of Blenheim. In 1991 it was bought from his estate by Ian Welch and became part of the Mainline Steam collection.

Restoration started in 2006 at Mainline Steam's Parnell depot and it was back on the track late last year at the Glenbrook Vintage Railway and taking trips to Tokoroa and Te Kuiti.

Lloyd Taylor

See the full photo's at:

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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.

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;

Dave Hibberd	1972 Beetle
Melanie Setz & Mark Bridgewater	1978 T2 Kombi
Ross McMillan	2006 Golf R32
Carl Cossey	Beetle, Kombi, Kombi tent

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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

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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.

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CLUB GALLERY

The club also has it's own gallery of activities and events. This can be found on the Gallery link on the clubs home page
<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/page.php?id=gallery>

7th July, Dubfreeze - Bowentown Motorcamp, Waihi Beach

It was a very enjoyable weekend meeting up with groups from Auckland, Tauranga and Hamilton.

The weather on Saturday and Sunday was stunning, warm and sunny. If you are looking for a good weekend spot for a break within easy traveling distance, the Bowentown Camp is an excellent location with a sheltered harbour beach a few minutes walk away and the ocean beach just over the back fence. The camp facilities are absolutely immaculate as you can see from the photos taken in the kitchen and bathroom.

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



Thanks to Brett from Tauranga for organising this event.

Terry Sawyer

Note: More photo's from this event can be found on the club website:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/67375128@N02/sets/72157634519161887/>





21st July, Sunday - Petes Pie Run

We left BP service centre and headed for Drury to Rex's collectables. Rex had a considerable multitude of items he had collected over the years, ranging from a 1929 AUSTIN baby 7 Austin Cambridge and 2 Mg cars. In addition there were old lawnmowers, outboard motors, radios, clocks, telephones and car emblems to name a few. In fact you name it - Rex had it,



The group then headed to Pukekohe via many back roads for lunch at the Greenland café - an award pie winning café,



Note: More photo's from this event can be found on the club website:

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Following this we then headed for Whitford to Bill's toys and vintage machinery. There were numerous display cabinets of toy cars and trucks of all sizes and shapes, On top of these cabinets was an impressive array of pedal cars, as well as a great display of dolls all beautifully dressed.



All in all an enjoyable day was had by all,

Many thanks to the Sunbeam Club for organising the day and extending the invitation to the VW Owners.

Eddie Taylor



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 - a) to get the discounts offered
 - b) to meet other enthusiasts
 - c) to attend social events organised by the club
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 - e) other (specify).....
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 - a)
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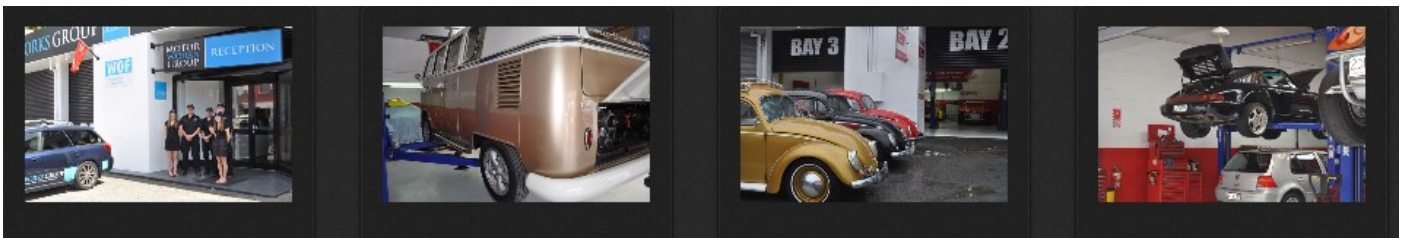
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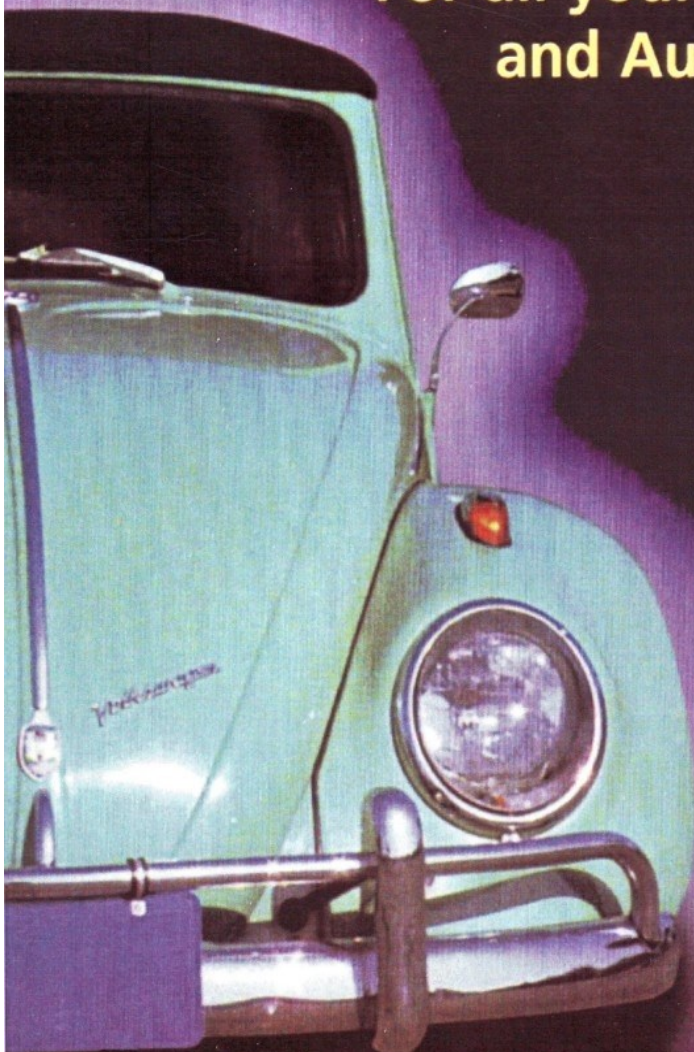
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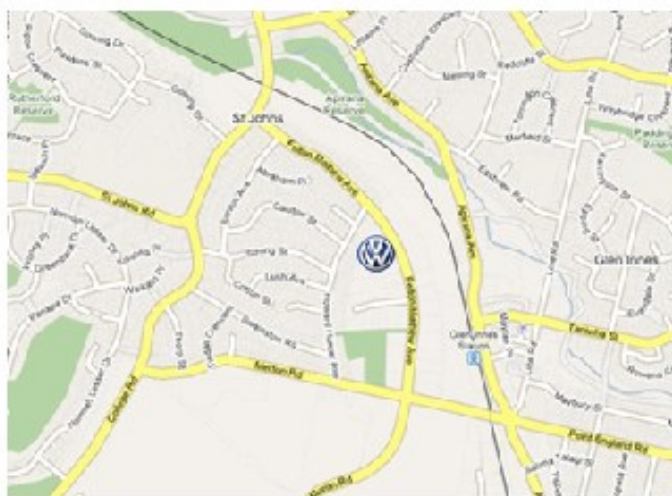
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