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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presidents Report AGM 2014

Greetings to all.

The past 12 months have seen a variety of events all well attended by enthusiasts. A few to remember were Vam Dam at Lake Karapiro, Bulli at Orua Bay and some 25 vehicles on a club run from Cornwall Park to Eastern Beach.

The coming 12 months will see a variety of events. To my knowledge there are 2 club runs in the planning with dates to be set. No doubt there will be more.

2015 will be the 25th Anniversary of the VW Nationals and will be held at Taupo at Easter, where the first nationals were held. This will be hosted by the Tauranga Club and they are planning a full weekend of activities. Should be a good one.

I would like take this opportunity to thank Terry for his on-going organising and reporting work as the Secretary/Treasurer; Ken and Ben for supplying the refreshments at monthly meetings and Lloyd for producing the Club newsletter.

It was very pleasing to see new members at some club nights and events. It can only get better.

Thanks to all club members for their support

Eddie Taylor
President

9 July 2014.



25th May, Sunday Cruise and Photo shoot

This Sunday saw a large group of enthusiasts meet at the rotunda at the base of one Tree Hill, and then proceed through the back-streets for a photo-shoot in Otahuhu and then on to the beach for a play and BBQ.





22th June, Drive Your VW Day

This day saw folks meeting at Swanson Train Station Café for morning tea and then taking a leisurely drive down Scenic Drive, with stops for a photo shoot on the way and ending up in Avondale for lunch and a movie at the West Wind private cinema.





Bug Reflections

Rio Rossellini

I blame it all on a commercial
Which I saw way, way back in time
Where a white Vdub rolled up on a beach
Next to an English cold coastline.
The girl stared into the distance
Her eyes grew misty and wet
Then she remembered she was in a VW
And her future was promising yet.
She rummaged in her glovebox
And behold found a steel element
Plugged one end into her cigarette lighter
And let a Nescafe coffee ferment.
Her hands wrapped around her mug
She gazed at the sea beyond
Whilst Johnny Nash let rip o'erhead
With a soulful reggae song.

And so the time came to pass
When I declared I'd buy a Vdub
'Going over to the dark side!'
Proclaimed the President of the VW Club.
I suffered the indignities
Of waiting for buses that never came
Standing under inadequate shelters
Getting soaked in monsoon rain.
I walked for miles to save a cent
And watched my savings grow
As my feet grew sore and weary
And the blisters began to show.
I crammed myself into rush hour trains
Breathing in the odours of the day:
I told myself these times would pass
And a beetle would be coming my way.

Then one day I peered online
And saw a white Bug standing in the sun
It looked a little battle-weary
But I knew she was The One.
The photos were slightly grainy
So some details were hard to see
But the final shot showed a dolphin sticker:
And I knew she was meant for me.
I imparted this grain of truth
To anyone who chanced to be near,
Including my bank manager who tapped his head
And said for my sanity he truly did fear.
But I ploughed ahead regardless,
I was adamant the Bug was mine

The owner regaled me with tales of glory
And the attributes the Bug possessed
Said she used it as a daily runner
But it was a beauty nonetheless.
She seemed at very strong pains to stress
That the floor pan was all rust free
The engine reconditioned
And the bodywork as good as can be.
I asked if I could get it inspected
By a company like the AA
Sure thing she said, calling my bluff
As long as you're the one to pay.
I said I'd like to buy it
She said she'd drive it down to me:
One last trip filmed and Facebooked
For all her friends to see.

The Bug vrum vrummed into the service station
She was truly a sight to behold
I jumped up and down with glee:
The owner knew the car was sold!
We drove into the CBD
It was a warm and sunny eve
I was told of all the quirks of the Bug
And the speeds she could achieve.
The owner was going abroad
Said she'd have loved to take her car
But she really couldn't afford it
The distance was too far.
We parked the Bug outside my pad
And I started an inspection
But it was really only a cursory glance
I realise now on reflection.

A daughter was waving photographs
Of pet poodles under my nose
And when I approached the engine bay
The owner got distinctly twitchy toes.
It seemed distraction was the name of the game
And with hindsight I should have known
Something underhand was afoot
And my suspicions should have grown.
But the engine seemed to run smoothly
It looked tidy and well maintained
No obvious oil leaks or wisps of smoke
Or signs of being maimed.
I handed over my hard earned cash

Well, I've had the Bug a few months now:
My purse is considerably lighter
Seems the owner told some bare-faced lies
And was a bit of a cheeky blighter.
It took me a month to get a WOF
The garage owner was never happy:
I hoped my polite refusal for dinner
Hadn't adversely affected the chappie.
I took Opo back to her old mechanical haunt
Of a mere 15 years ago:
Brian of Beetletech now regularly applies his
skills
So in all aspects she's begun to glow.
I love my Vdub to bits - she rocks!
We have exciting adventures galore.
Meeting new folk and sharing air-cooled tales
We zoom along - the whole world is ours to
explore.



Super VW Festival — Le Mans, France

This year Debs & I took the opportunity to head to Europe for a holiday, and as part of that trip organized our travels around a few VW shows, the first of which was the Super VW Festival.

This year was the first year at a new venue—The Le Mans circuit itself and featured a full weekend program including swap meets, trade shows, circuit demonstrations as well as on circuit driving (50 VW's at a time behind the pace car—that we struggled to keep up with!) with the finale being the Grand Parade where all the VW's in attendance do a lap around the track.

Luckily, thanks to Debs connections we were able to borrow a car of one of her friends, and so managed to get out on the track ourselves for a few 'hot' laps as well—definitely the highlight of the weekend for me! (Still grinning about it now)

A bit of a culture shock for me, as I'm used to a 'big' show in NZ being a couple of hundred cars, where as here over 2500 air-cooleds were in attendance!

So here are a handful of high-lights from Le Mans, and I hope to show more at a club night one evening (once we've had a chance to sort through them a bit) - enjoy!

Lloyd
&
Debs





Private Tour, BBT Belgium

The next big show of a European calendar is the Le Bug Show in Belgium, so Deb contacted Bob, the owner of BBT VW in Antwerp as it was only a couple of hours away. Bob is a well known VW collector & businessman who was enthusiastically welcoming and opened the doors of his private museum for us—and just let us wander!

So a few rental cars & autobahns (every kiwi boys dream!) later we were on the other side of Europe knocking on his door—Wow!!

Bob is known for his collection of rare and exotics, as well as for not always being a purist—a prime example being a Hebmuller convertible, one of the rarest VW's, now converted into a full on drag car (complete with paint job saying 'yes, it is no 53')

As well as this, there were 3 other Hebmullers, over ten split window beetles, a barndoor deluxe (23 window) kombi, schwimmwagen's, cut-a-way beetles and Porsche 356's mounted on the walls and that was just the beginning!





Le Bug Show, Circuit Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium

Known as the biggest show on the European show scene, Le Bug show did not disappoint with apparently over **4000** air-cooled VW's in attendance this year!!

Not a show for the purists, I counted over 100 split window beetles of which about 4 were standard—the rest were slammed, chopped or in some way modified to a high degree.



Fortunately more of Debs friends were in attendance at this show, and we were lucky enough to hitch a ride on the roof-rack of a westy for a blat around the circuit itself!

I took over 6000 photos/videos on this weekend alone, so what you see here is a tiny fraction of them, so again hope to display them at an up-coming club evening.

Lloyd & Debs





The Powder Run

The 4th Annual ski/board run organised by Motor Works Group. This year the departing convoy consisted of 10 vehicles

Departing from Motor Works Shop in Browns Bay, we convoyed down to Ohakune, with some folks opting for different routes to get there—a wise choice as some of us encountered a major snow storm on the Desert road shortly before the authorities closed it!

The weekend opened to perfect sunny weather with the downside being Whakapapa was closed to high winds, making the Turoa side the most packed it could be, with some cars being stuck in car-park to get up the mountain until after midday!

All in all a great weekend and great old fashioned Kiwi Road Trip with the obligatory 'Kombi Coffee' stop on the Sunday.



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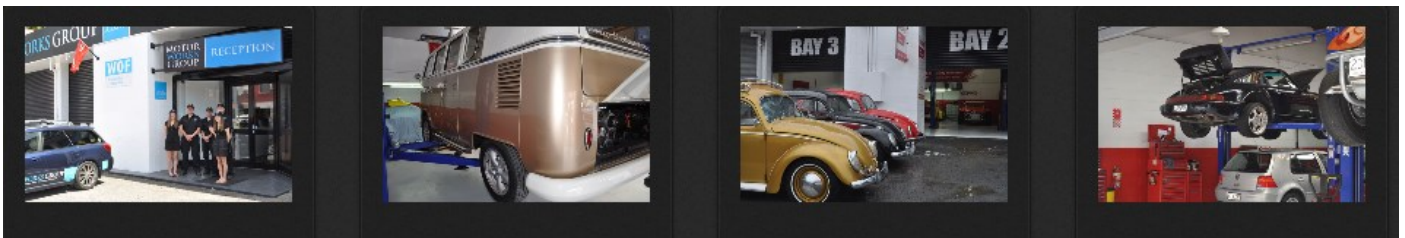
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4 October, Saturday - Aroha Cruise In - Show and Shine.

Meet at Papakura Autobarn on the Southern Motorway at 7:30am (ready to depart promptly at 7:45am). We will convoy down to Te Aroha to meet up with Hamilton and Tauranga VW members, then park as a group in a prime position in the Te Aroha main street.

The day ends around 2:30 - 3:00pm after the prize giving, then enjoy a leisurely cruise back home. This is a very popular event, click this link for photos from last year

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/67375128@N02/sets/72157636199935846>

Another fantastic weekend of Cars, bikes, prizes, rock and roll, live music, stalls, bouncy castles, V8 simulators, poker run, face painting - in face, fun for all ages. The weekend is all about cars, bikes, Te Aroha and raising funds for some very deserving groups including the Te Aroha Fire Brigade and St Johns ambulance.

This is the 7th Aroha Cruise In and is looking like being bigger and better than ever!

The Te Aroha Business Association organise and run this event with proceeds going back into our community.

Visit the website at www.cruisein.co.nz for ongoing information and confirmation on all the details of the weekend. You can register your vehicle on the site, look up accommodation options and keep up to date with news about this years event as it comes to hand.

19th 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 on Sunday 19 October.

Vehicles should be parked on site by 10:00am. Prize giving will be at 12:30pm, 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.

Terry Sawyer
021 163 6006

7th - 9th November, Sunday- Bulli 2014 - Mangaweka

Keep this weekend free for the annual Bulli camping weekend hosted by the Taranaki VW Club. It is located centrally this year in a place called Mangaweka, right on the Rangitikei river.

There are a few options for camping here, check out '<http://www.vwownersclub.co.nz/>' for more details

28 February - 1 March — Bug Jam 15

Hosted by the DMFV66 crew this event follows on from the hugely successful Bug Jam this year. This time hosted at the North Harbour Country Club. More details on the poster on the following pages

2nd - 6th April 2015 — VW Nationals Taupo

Every year Volkswagen enthusiasts in New Zealand get together on Easter weekend for an event called the Volkswagen Nationals. Next year, from the 2nd to 6th of April 2015 the Volkswagen Nationals will be held in Taupo.

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 May - July 2014

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

Paul Bancroft	1970 Karmann Ghia
Garry Hibbert	1969 Buggy
Antony and Deb Mayo	1965 and 1967 Kombi (Kcombined Experience)

EDITORS NOTE:

The more astute of you may have noticed that this edition of Volks Voice is a month overdue. Deepest apologies for this as I was overseas for a month —I'm hoping some of the photo's from our trip make up for this delay :)

Lloyd




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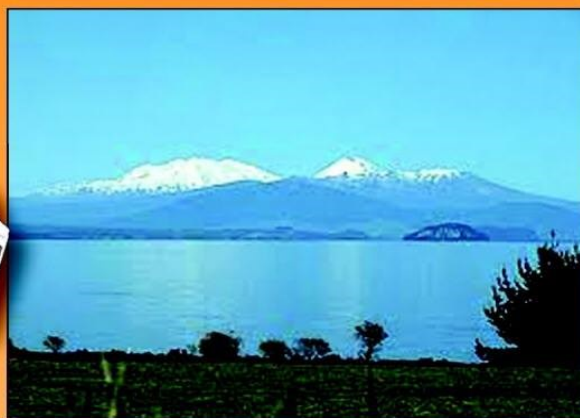


Taupo / Easter 2015

25th New Zealand Volkswagen Nationals

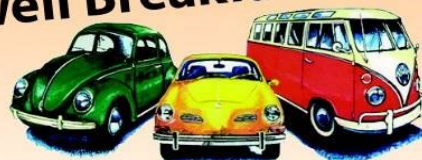
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41 Centennial Drive, Taupo
- ▶ Gymkhana Day
- ▶ Track Racing
- ▶ VW Off Roothing
- ▶ VW Team Games
- ▶ Kids Games
- ▶ Drive In Movie



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- ▶ 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

VOLKSWAGEN OWNERS CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015**

The aim of this club is to have fun while keeping VW enthusiasts in touch with each other. The club is open to all people interested in these unique cars. Our activities are aimed at original and semi-custom vehicles but we welcome all VW'ers. We meet monthly for a drive, film evening or social gathering. Other benefits of joining include discounts, technical advice, help in locating those difficult parts, and making lots of new and interesting friends. Although based in Auckland our membership extends throughout the country and our tri-monthly newsletter helps to keep members informed. For further details please write to the Secretary at the address above. If you would like to join the club, please complete the lower portion of the form and return it along with your subscription.

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E-Mail.....
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)
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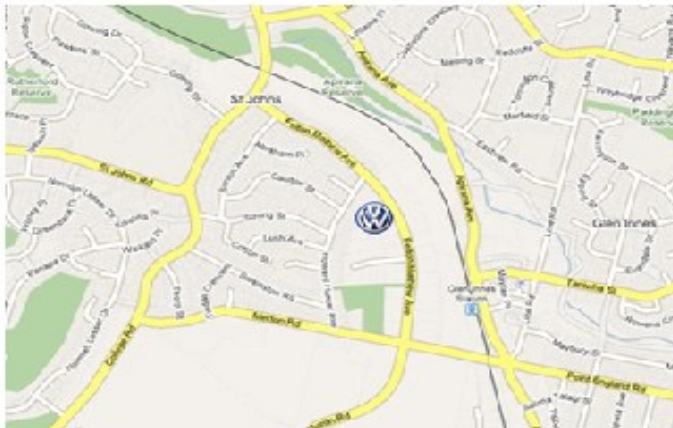
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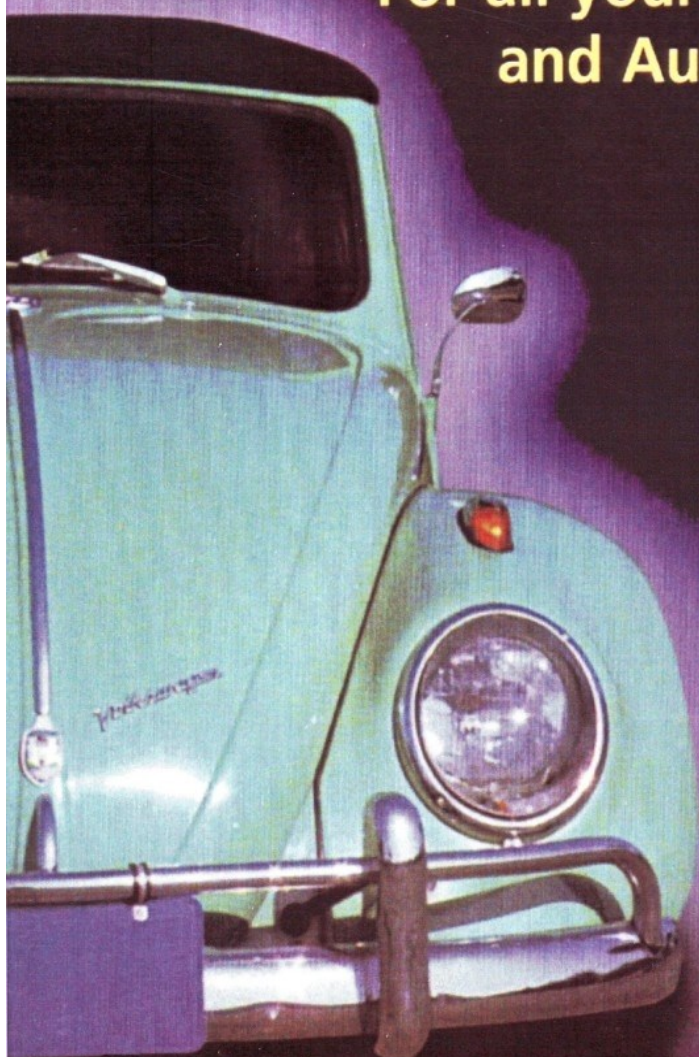
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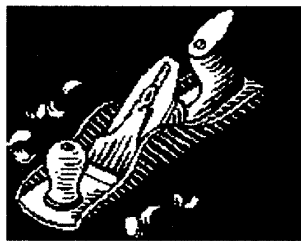
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