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# Zündfolge



*Next Meeting:  
September 9th at  
Tommy's Pizza*



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## INFORMATION

In the Spring of 1991 our club was founded by 12 enthusiasts looking for a way to pool their parts and resources to maintain their vintage Volkswagen Cars. Now we are in our 30<sup>th</sup> year with about 200 members and the premiere Vintage Volkswagen club for Central Ohio. We Strive to share knowledge and resources while having plenty of fun. We welcome everyone interested in classic air-cooled as well as newer water-cooled VW products. Annually we host Ohio's largest Volkswagen Car show & swap-meet 'Volksfest' to benefit Childhood Cancer Family Connection, an independent non-profit organization, devoted to the needs of children with cancer.



## ZUNDFOLGE

Zundfolge (translated 'firing order') is published monthly by the Central Ohio Vintage Volkswagen Club. Its purpose is to keep us informed and running smoothly, while providing knowledge and enthusiasm into the Classic VW Community. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. Please contact the Editor for more information. Brian Knoll @ bkridr@att.net

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Ernst Reter Hagen, Amselweg 4, D  
3073 Liebenau, Germany

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Customer Assistance, Volkswagen AG  
Postfach, 3180 Wolfsburg 1, Germany

## Coming up in October...

Lead Article..... Kathy Kern  
Theme..... Halloween  
Meeting Date... Thurs, October 14th  
Location ..... TBD  
Address .....

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Jan	Mark Garrett	Annual Banquet
Feb	Stark Hughes	
Mar	Mike Williams	Toy Meeting
Apr	Stark Hughes	Anniversary/T-shirt Design
May	Linda Brown	Trophy Design
Jun	Ryan Cisco	Club Picnic
Jul	Debi Garrett	Show Prep Review
Aug	Mark Garrett	VOLKSFEST 30
Sept	Mike Roecker	
Oct	Kathy Kern	Halloween
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As the glow of Volksfest 30 begins to fade from our memory (just a little), it takes me back to my first Volksfest in 2009 where I was first introduced to the COVVC. Over the few preceding months I had been getting my 1966 Beetle back on the road after a long hibernation in my Uncle Bill's barn in Rockford Illinois. I was anxious to meet and make connections with other VW owners. My early August web search led me to a Volkswagen drive-in and swap meet near Columbus, Ohio. My Bug, not yet to be trusted for the 2 hour drive from Cleveland, was left behind as I ventured to Pataskala, Ohio. It was so worth the drive!! I was amazed to see so many VWs of all ages and types gathered in one place. I'm pretty sure I picked up one or two priceless 6V Beetle parts for a few bucks at the swap.

The "icing on the cake" of a great day was my chance meeting at the volunteer tent with an old friend from work, Dan Garland. Some of the club old timers will remember Dan's pristine 1963 Bahama Blue Beetle. As with many past Volksfests, Dan proudly had his car on display at the show. Weeks later back in Cleveland I took my 66 Bug 'Murray' to visit Dan and we rekindled a friendship around a common love for VWs. Together, along with Bruce Amacker's connection to the local LEAKOIL bus club, we planned and held our first annual Spring Cruise on May 1, 2010. Although Dan's little 63 Bug is a distant memory, the LEAKOIL/COVVC cruise continues to motor along, with our 11th held this past spring at the Lakewood Marina starting point.



*Long time COVVC member Dan Garland shortly after we met at Volksfest*

The COVVC has warmly embraced their NEO VW friends and I am grateful for that. An important aspect of the COVVC annual Volksfest is the majority of the proceeds from the show goes to the Childhood Cancer Family Connection (Kids 'n Kamp). Over the years our club has donated well over \$70,000 to support programs and services that are free for children, teens, young adults and families that suffer the trauma from cancer. I'm very proud of the fact and I think it's awesome that this club along with its love of VWs also has a giving heart. KnK has become a casualty of the pandemic, with the owners' retirement they've become part of the Columbus Foundation but I really appreciate all that they accomplished over many years. Now the club is starting a search for another worthy benefactor, and with more Volksfest's to come I look forward to helping others in the future – it's all thanks to the Volunteers in our club that put together such a wonderful show to entice all of those VW enthusiast to return each year!



*First Annual Spring Cruise In at the Metropark with the LEAKOIL bunch*



*First Annual Spring Cruise lined up and ready to roll*



*Dan Garland providing cruise support*

I hope you all have a wonderful driving season this fall to see the beautiful landscapes and colors and don't forget to use that beloved VW horn frequently as you pass by happy drivers and waving pedestrians.



Another Volksfest is in the books. After a year off due to Covid, and the show site layout changed due to school construction, it was quite a show, to say the least!

We have been spoiled over the years to show up Friday evening before the show and have those two big tents magically appear, and have full access to the school building for goody bag packing, storage and restrooms (both the night before and the day of the show).

With the high school completely fenced off, and also a large portion of the show car parking also fenced off, it was interesting, to say the least, to pull off the night before prep. But with an enthusiastic group of loyal COVVC members, we did it. Besides the lack of the big tent (we had to provide our own), tables and chairs were also in short supply. Absolutely nothing was easy, but come Saturday morning, the swappers were setting up, the overnight campers had behaved themselves, and the show cars rolled in, just like in years past. The Boy Scouts once again did their amazing job of spectator parking, and those lots were PACKED all day!

It was great to get caught up with Chuck from C & G Sounds, and its like we hadn't missed a beat since 2019. The Watkins Memorial Athletic Boosters again provided fantastic food for all in attendance, and there was a constant line(s) at their tent all day.

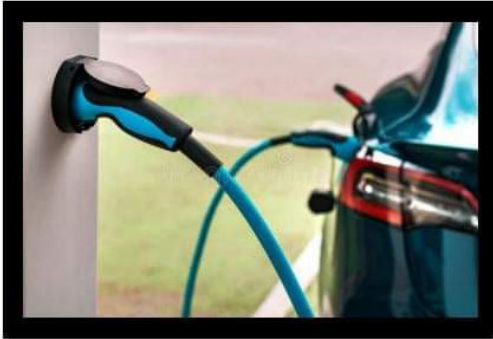
As always, the quality of show cars continues to impress, and there were several newly completed cars that were breathtaking. The awards were handed out right on time, and another Volksfest was concluded. We are truly blessed to have so many loyal and dedicated club members that really step up for the show, and this year was no different. A very big, heart felt thank you to everyone that pitched in to make it another great show.

Hope to see everyone at Tommy's Pizza in Dublin on September 9th for a more in depth show review.





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After a year off due to Covid, the 2021 Dublin Arthritis Show was a wonderful way to celebrate all things vintage Vdub after a successful Volksfest.

The Friday event is cruise in style, with 6 foot trophies given to the top 100 cars. Saturday is the big day, as it is the "Show Within A Show", with Volkswagens together in the premier parking area of the show. VW was one of the featured marques this year, and believe me when I say we did not disappoint!

With over 35 cars registered, it was a site to behold. There was a constant flow of spectators throughout the entire day. Providing a perfect back drop was the gigantic inflatable VW logo, provided by Mike Young from Motorkars.

A big thank you goes out to Mark Richmond and Ted Dibiasi, who both serve on the show planning committee. It is a year-long job to pull off an event of this size. Another shout to Motorkars for again providing the lovely awards. This was also the debut of Mark's stunning new 1967 Ghia Convertible Joan. Wow!

After a very fun (but also very hot) day, everyone headed home to cool off. Be sure to watch the show calendar next year, this is one you don't want to miss!





## Voltage Drop

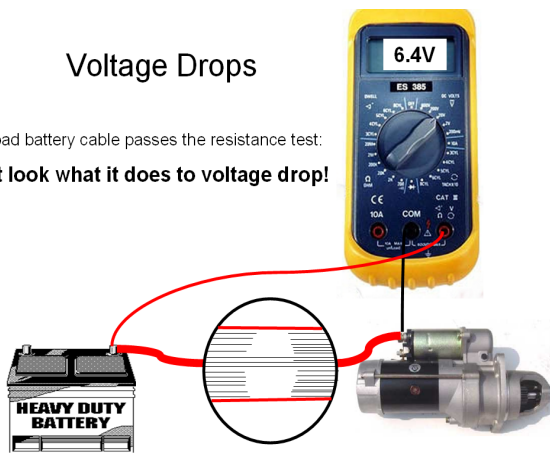
This article originally appeared on the May 2010 Zundfolge.  
Revisiting some electrical basics might not be a bad idea...

It's too often that you will change a starter that cranks slow before testing things to make sure the problem is the starter. There's an easy test for available electricity to a component and it's called a Voltage Drop Test. You may know how to test the battery voltage and many have the ability to properly load test the battery, but some fail to understand a simple test to verify that sufficient power is getting to the starter. Battery cables are the obvious weak link and that pesky ground strap that is usually under the transmission on VW's.

The voltage drop test is quite simple- verifying that there is sufficient power getting to the starter under load. Under load is the key phrase here- we can all check for voltage at the starter, but making sure it doesn't drop off under load is where many tests fall short. This test takes only seconds using the simplest of voltmeters.

### Voltage Drops

A bad battery cable passes the resistance test:  
**But look what it does to voltage drop!**



Set your digital volt meter on DC volts. Hook the red lead of your meter to the battery positive post and the black lead of your meter to the starter stud, not the cable end. Having long alligator clip leads on your meter will come in handy here. Disable your ignition by disconnecting the coil lead to prevent the engine from starting during the test. Have your assistant crank the engine 5-7 seconds while you watch the meter, it should not read higher than .5VDC, and most should read .2VDC or less. If it does exceed .5V it indicates high resistance in the circuit, like a bad or corroded battery cable. I've seen cables that looked perfect visually and would not pass enough amperage to light a headlight! Repeat the test on the ground side of the system by connecting to the ground post of the battery and the case of the starter, once again

it should read well below .5VDC while cranking. On the ground side your problem could be not only the battery ground strap, but also the ground strap under the transmission. I've even seen corroded starter mounting flanges be the problem, where the starter is bolted tight to the transmission case, but not grounded!

This test is important not only to diagnose the slow cranking problem, but also to prove to the parts store counterman that you really do understand electricity and all three of those starters he sold you really were defective. Sidebar: If the nose bushing on the regular SR15X starter is worn, it can cause excessive amp draw because the starter shaft will bind. Be sure to inspect or replace the bushing whenever the starter or engine is out. If you are using the "autostick" style starter, this does not apply.

This test can be applied to virtually every electrical component or circuit on any car- starter, alternator, generator, wiper motor, headlights, taillights, radio, etc. in the same manner- one DVOM lead on the power source and one lead on the power terminal into the component. Do you have one dim headlight bulb? Instead of disassembling everything in the system, diagnose the circuit by doing a VD test on the power side of the headlight, and then the ground side of the headlight. Common problems in this circuit may be a loose or corroded fuse, or a corroded ground wire. Many times these components will look fine visually, which is why it's important to test them electrically.

Have fun, good luck, and keep driving those classic VW's!

Starter must be cranking



Yes, I pierced the cable to find out which end had the resistance, but it was going to be replaced anyway

1.5v voltage drop in 4 inches!

## RENEW - RENEW - RENEW

How do you know if your membership has expired? Your expiration date (month/year) is beside your name on the back of this newsletter. You can renew your membership online on our website, [www.covvc.org](http://www.covvc.org), or you can mail a check. Please make checks payable to COVVC and mail to: COVVC c/o Ryan Cisco, 5577 Mesa Falls Street, Dublin, OH 43016.

We had 21 new members join last month and 19 existing members renewed. Please welcome our new members to the club! This puts our current membership is at 178.

New members: Jeffery Bramlage, Steve Ginter, Bob Hosken III, Ed Allison, Quinten Swartz, Tom & Virve George, Ross Carter, Tim Adams, Sean Dooley, Renee Hankins, Rick Rowland, Ivan Smith Jr, Brad & Missy Scott, Ryan Dietsch, Philip McClish, Keith Morefield, Jack Abram, Lance Bergmann, Bill Lewandowski, Haley Boehning, Roger White

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