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Official Monthly Newsletter For The  
CENTRAL OHIO VINTAGE VOLKSWAGEN CLUB  
And The COVVC North



Happy 21st *Anniversary!*

## Thoughts From Your COVVC Boardmember

By Stark Hughes

If anyone hasn't noticed spring has arrived. It's that time of year when we go through the annual rite of passage to coax our beloved vintage VW's out of their winter hibernation. We all have different techniques of starting these mechanical dinosaurs and waking them from many months of deep sleep.

My accessories include jumper cables, various cans of solvents, lubricants, additives, and screwdrivers. After that first roar of the engine and some form of smoke belching out the tailpipe I have the satisfaction of being successful. If it idles awkwardly for a while I dive in and try various

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## Trophy Time

*It's that time of year again, time to get those design juices flowing and design the first place trophy for this years Volksfest! Keep in mind that we will need to build 38 total trophies, so an economical and simple layout is always better (no moving parts or lights!). Good luck, and may the best trophy win! Shown here are some of the previous winners, including the famous "chia trophy" (bottom right photo, left hand side) from Volksfest 1!*



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Next Monthly Meeting -  
7:30pm Sharp!  
April 14th, 2011

Next Monthly Meeting - April 14th, at the Columbus Maennerchor, 966 S. High Street

**Future Bus?**

Submitted by Michael Williams

VW has once again teased us with a modern interpretation of their iconic Microbus. A larger version was shown at the Detroit Auto Show several years ago, and never saw production. Only time will tell if this one will actually make it into showrooms. The classic Bus is pictured in the lower right inset for reference. Which one do YOU like the best?



procedures to get it humming like it should. Sometimes I'm lucky and I'm successful. Other times I'm on the phone calling more knowledgeable COVVC members getting advice on what I should and or shouldn't be doing.

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is published monthly by the Central Ohio Vintage Club. Members are welcome to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. Classified and wanted ads are free to members. Ads will run for three months. Mail Zundfolge submissions to Mark Garrett, 1294 Frisbee Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43224, or e-mail to garrett48@ameritech.net. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

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# Classified Ads

**For Sale - 1984 VANAGON Kombi.** One owner, approximately 70000 miles. Body good, needs some mechanical work. Has not been used much for 15 years. Would like to get \$5000 – make an offer. 614 890-4711 01/11

**For Sale - 1973 Karman Ghia coupe,** auto stick shift. Needs complete restoration, make offer. 937-335-2491 12/10

**For Sale - 1956 VW Bug sedan.** Ready to restore Solid..complete..NOT running. Photos available.Want to trade for decent mid 60's Bug George Watson, 330 426 3328, East Palestine, OH. PH 330 426 3328 11/10


**For Sale - 1984 Rabbit Convertible.** 5 Speed. Many new parts, all with documentation. White paint, like new. Motor has 72,000 miles on it. Top has no damage, comes with boot. Has new dash 9must have had sun damage. I am the second owner. \$2800 OBO. PH 330 426 3328, George Watson, East Palestine, Ohio 9/10

**For Sale - Super Beetle.** Call Pat at 614-453-5128 for details. Car is in Heath,Ohio 9/10



**For Sale - Two Good Volkswagens At A Fair Price.** All offers or trades considered. Call me and I will mail descriptive fliers.

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I look forward to pulling into the Columbus Maennerchor's parking lot for the April meeting and hope the lot is full of vintage VW's. That will tell me some people were smart and scheduled a shop visit, the others have it figured out, and the others were lucky and got them humming without any problems. April's meeting will also be the official 21'st anniversary of this fine organization. There have



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been a lot of VW clubs come and go the last 21 years. For whatever reasons they could not find the agenda for survival and maintaining a good core philosophy. I believe our success alone says something about everyone in our club. We are truly unique in more ways other than the odd cars we like to drive. People still have a fascination with these cars and busses.

Last fall I drove my bus to a soccer game my son Matt was playing in. After the game, as I walked to my bus I noticed a small crowd had gathered around observing it with the same fascination like it was a space ship that had landed in the parking lot. I see our show as a mass gathering of these fascinating vehicles opened up to the public for people to come and observe. Besides the monthly meetings and yearly events we attend I have always felt the epitome of our club is our annual show. It's the one day a year we can share our club with the public and other enthusiast on why we do this and how much we enjoy these cars. At the April meeting I want to get club input with suggestions on maintaining our success of our annual show. Keep in mind we only have limited time so this will be only input and not a discussion/analyzing meeting. New and fresh ideas will keep the drive alive. See you in April.



## Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Tina Gibson, Secretary

### Minutes Of March 10th, 2011 MEETING

Officers: Mike in Charge, Bob, Tina, Marilyn, Linda

Tech Advisers: Bill H, Jim M

Members/guests: 22

The meeting was opened at 8:07 by Mike Williams. Mike asked everyone to vote on their favorite toy display. The winner of the raffle drawing for the VW Bus lamp was Mark Garrett.

Treasurer report: Bob said after paying out \$500 bond insurance, we have \$7784.

Membership: Linda said we added a new member tonight, now have 246. Linda said her sister in law lost her battle with cancer.

New Member: Rob Broadbent, 63 conv

Cruise In Report: Tina said Bruce Amaker was interviewed on Cruise Ohio TV show at the Cleveland Auto Show.

Marilyn thanked those who helped her and Linda with the March newsletter folding. Tom Kern volunteered to host the April newsletter folding at his house.

Marilyn said she is selling name tags for \$3.00. She also said that the Maenerchor wants the VW Club to continue meeting at the Maenerchor after they move to the new location next door. There will be a pancake breakfast on March 27th.

She said she talked to Mark at Hatfields who said he hopes to have a new Beetle at our show.

Jerry O Harra said to go to YouTube and type in new new Beetle to see the advanced photos.

Tom said there is a camp out end of the month in Ky. He also said that Bill Duvall, Ted Chaney and Tom Diley plan to attend a show in Fl this weekend.

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## TOYS FEATURED AT MARCH MEETING!



*If you enjoy toys, the March meeting was for you! There were lots of vintage and new toys to check out, with a miniature car show, won by Jim and Brenda Perrin. Their display featured a set of lovely Beetles, one for storing all of your valuable jewelry items, and the other a decanter set with four shot glasses! They also had a beautiful hand made Denzel sports car that was the hit of the evening. But I think what really helped them get all of those winning votes was that cool cookie jar, with cookies for the taking! Never hurts to bribe the judges!*

*Besides the meeting, conducted by toy expert Michael Williams, we were treated to a surprise visit by proud papa Justin Wilt*

*and daughter Olivia. It was a quick visit, but it was still good to see them none the less.*

*After the meeting, everyone was invited to Mark and Debi Garrett's toy room. The perfect way to wrap up a perfect toy evening. See you all next month for the big 21st anniversary meeting!*



market. I searched out a set from rust free Arizona and they looked like new once they were cleaned up.

On most VW's the rear drum is one piece with the drive spline machined into the drum itself. On later 4-bolt ('68 up) Type 3 rear drums, the center hub is actually a separate piece with the integral drive spline, and the drum is bolted to it. The internal brake parts are still available from the after-market- shoes, wheel cylinders, and return springs are easy to find. The brake cable, parking brake arm, cross bar, and clip are the same as Type 1. It is truly a bolt on upgrade and no changes are necessary other than bleeding the system when done. Beware your tire track will be increased by a fraction of an inch, so if you are using aftermarket wheels and have close tire-to-fender clearance, this may be an issue for you. I've put several thousand miles on mine since completed and

find my pedal to be high and hard, stopping distance noticeably shorter, no lockup problems, and adjustment intervals are longer. It was a positive change in all respects!

If you were to upgrade to a Type 3 rear and have lockup problems there is a fairly simple solution that can be made. Luckily VW made wheel cylinder mounts virtually universal across the sedan model lines, which means going to a smaller diameter cylinder would reduce braking effort and prevent lockup. I'm glad VW put the larger brakes on Type 3's, as I'm an OE guy and will always choose OE when I have that option. Have fun, stay safe, and keep driving those classic VW's!



## It's All About the People

by Don Bowker

In my years as a car collector, hobbyist and restorer, I have been amazed and sometimes shocked at the human interest stories and owner history that has accompanied some of the "wheels" that have followed us home. As an old salesman, I try to learn as much as I can about the history of each car we buy and as a people-person, a bit about what makes the seller tick.. It adds a patina to the vehicle, unseen at a car show but part of the aura that surrounds the car.

Here's a Volkswagen example: as members are aware, we own a 1981 Westfalia camper, now up for sale, that we bought about 3 years ago. The camper, a California original, was advertised in our local newspaper. I phoned

and reached an obviously elderly lady who called her husband to the phone. Getting details, I learned the car could be viewed at an area foreign car shop- not at the owners home 20 miles away. We looked, drove and talked. Since the shop was not the legal owner, I reached the seller again by phone when Ann and I decided we wanted to make an offer. The gentleman said his son would handle details so we never really met the older couple.

After the usual offers and counter offers through the son- we reached a purchase deal. When meeting the son- in his mid 50's I guess- he had the signed title from DAD in exchange for our check. Deal done - but in conversation. the son looked sad and remarked "Mom and Dad brought the camper here from California via a professional transporter about 17 years earlier. In those years - they only drove a total of 2700 miles. The son told us "Mom and Dad were always going to take a long cross-country camping trip, but now they are too old and their health has deteriorated - making a journey impossible."

He further said his Dad , a WW2 vet, had been shot by the Germans but loved their cars, He, as a kid, rode in bug after bug. Fortunately Dad was not seriously wounded. The moral of the story - very clear to me as I'm not that much younger than the previous owner, is- "Do not delay, as whatever you put off for some other time may never happen." We have very much driven and enjoyed the Westy - time now for a younger owner?



## Brake Upgrades- Can You Stop When You Need To?

by Bruce Amacker

Most vintage VW's are not built with a strong brake system from the factory. In fact, one might even say their brake system is weak or dangerous.

Last summer another club member was following me down the highway on the way to Volksfest in Columbus in an early Beetle. Noticing the speed at which I took an off-ramp she commented that my car could not have the stock drum brake setup, as she could not stay with me on the ramp! Even with the brake system in perfect functioning order, a mid 60's or older Beetle will not meet the modern braking standards we're accustomed to with our newer cars. Adding an OE or aftermarket disc brake setup is a wise decision to increase the front stopping power to bring it up to modern standards.



If your car is a later ('67 up) configuration Type 1 Standard, using the spindles and factory disc brake hardware from the same year Ghia allows an inexpensive way to dramatically decrease the stopping distance of the car. If your car is an older model or a Super Beetle, you will have to investigate aftermarket disc brake setups to shorten your stopping distance.

Fortunately, my '69 Ghia came with front disc brakes from the factory but the small rear drums were not up to my standards once I installed a larger engine. There are a lot of rear disc brake options on the market but along with these are some serious considerations. First, being made of aftermarket components, many times the quality is substandard when compared with original German components. Second, modifications frequently have to be made as these items are installed because of the poor fit of the components. Third, determining what kind of parking brake is included is impor-

tant, if there is one at all! A true emergency brake should be able to stop the car in the event of a hydraulic brake failure. When I was investigating rear brake options I found that many of the aftermarket rear disc brake kits did not include a true emergency brake, but a hydraulic "line-lock" that was activated by the brake cable. This means in order to activate the parking brake, the foot brake is engaged, and then the parking brake is engaged by lifting the parking brake handle. The problem is that in the event of a hydraulic failure you have no emergency brake. If you are considering a rear disc kit, verify it has a true emergency brake and not a hydraulic line lock parking brake.

I chose to go with an old standby- the Type 3 rear brake upgrade. When VW designed the Type 3 wagon, they included a larger brake system on both front and rear to handle the increased luggage capacity of a station wagon. Unfortunately the Type 3 front beam is not interchangeable with any other VW due to its design, but the larger rear brakes help us by offering an OE option regarding rear brake upgrades. On my car, the rear drum size goes from 230mmx40mm to 248x45mm. This gives a noticeably stronger braking action than the stock rear drums. If you have an early '67 on back Beetle, you gain even more- as the early Beetles had a tiny 230x30mm rear shoe. Notice the huge difference in shoe size looking at the pictures! This Type 3 rear upgrade is a complete bolt on kit using original parts from the same year Type 3 as your sedan. Unfortunately the rear backing plates are no longer available from VW so some of the parts must be sourced used. My '69 with a 4 bolt hub and IRS suspension



required that I locate a pair of rear backing plates, drums, and drum hubs, which are easily available on the used parts

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## Let's Talk Toys!

by Michael Williams

Welcome back everyone!! Before we get started on this month's featured toy, I wanted to say "Thanks" to everyone who brought toys to our annual toy meeting last month. We had some really nice examples on display. I also wanted to thank Mark Garrett for opening his toy room up to everyone after the meeting. It's taken several years, but I finally got to see Mark's collection, and I must say I wasn't disappointed with the variety of German toys on display.

The toy I'm sharing with each of you this month was purchased from a fellow collector several weeks ago. This example was manufactured by the Estrela toy company of Brazil during the early 1970s into the mid 1970s. This battery operated plastic car is 11 inches long and depicts a fireman's car. The Cragar five spoke wheels used on the toy are a nice touch and very period for the times. When the toy is switched on, the car begins to move forward with a bump and go action while producing a wailing siren sound and blinking red light on the roof. Estrela also produced a white ambulance and a yellow police version of this car.

This toy is fairly rare. In all my years of collecting VW toys, I've only seen two examples for sale, and one of them didn't have a box. You may have noticed the stickers for the car are missing in the picture. I'm happy to say they are safely tucked away in the bottom of the toy's box. The value of this toy in good condition with no box is around \$50 to \$75, with a boxed mint example coming in around \$125 - \$175. It wouldn't be uncommon though to see this toy sell well above these figures when collectors get into a bidding war over the same car.



Until next month...  
Happy  
Toy  
Hunting !!

Brad Shisler has been invited to Indy celebration next month. Tom thought it might be nice if some could caravan over there.

Jim Meyer is showing his car at the Columbus Auto Show next week.

50/50 - \$35.

Winners of the toy collection display – Brenda Perin, Mark Garrett, Doug Schleifer. Mike gave them VW toys as prizes. Said he would like to have a cook out this summer at his place and let everyone see his toy room.

### Life In The Past Lane

by Marilyn Allen

Continued from March, 2011

It was decided that the entry prices for the 2001 show would be increased by \$1 and by \$2 dollars for the swap area. Admission to the show became \$6 for a car and driver. Kids 12 and under were free. Each additional passenger became \$3. The swap area cost became \$14 for a 10X20 space.

Tom Kern stated that he would like to have each member work for a 2 hour shift so that all members could enjoy

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# Brad Hits The Big Time!

by Brad Shisler with forward by Mark Garrett

The following article was submitted by fellow COVVC club-member Brad Shisler, and details his beautiful Polar Silver Oval Window's acceptance to the prestigious concourse at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Also, the photo at left is the flyer for this years Arthritis Show, which features you guessed it, Brads Oval Window! (The flyer back is on the right side). Brad and Carolyn indeed have a big year coming up! Congratulations to both.

I got a letter from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway completely outta the blue the end of January asking if I would be interested in displaying a car for the centennial celebration this May 13 - 15. The only sled that remotely qualifies is the beetle, and I mean remotely, so since they wrote and invited me, obviously not knowing that I didn't have a world class Duesenberg, and not vice versa, I said what the heck and submitted online the info they requested. They said the selected participants would be notified in 2 days so when I didn't get anything I completely forgot about it.

Quite by surprise and 3 weeks after I submitted info I found the acceptance and registration paperwork in the mail box last Friday. So I'll go with the lowly old beetle and put it up against Duesenberg, Cord, Auburn, Pierce-Arrow, Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Bugatti, Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, Chevrolet, Cadillac, Packard, Ferrari, Aston Martin and whatever other exotic cars shows up. I would imagine since the IMS is associated with the Amelia Island Show that those people will populate the field. Yeah, right, a beetle with that iron is kinda like feeding Christians to the lions, but what the heck, I'm stooooopid enough to do it. I think just being there as a spectator would be a cool deal. Participants get an original track brick with a plaque and that to me will be just as good as an award.

So, if you don't have anything better to do drop by and feel free to tell everyone it's a repaint. And I always need friends to polish the peashooters and hold my hand.



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## GENERAL CLASSES

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|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
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50 Barn Finds (as found)

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the show. He also wished to appoint area managers who would be responsible for organizing their area.

It was decided that Walkie Talkies would be used at the show so that members in different areas of the show site would talk to each other. This would be very helpful if people needed help. The Walkie Talkies were to be borrowed from the Arthritis Foundation.

Mike Young announced that he would provide something for the show. He noted that it would not be the Dunk Tank!! Value Cover Races were to be part of the 11th Volksfest.

The club ended the month of April with a cruise-in Dresden, Ohio on April 28th. The auction and car show was to benefit a person with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The May newsletter folding was announced for Nancy and Moyer Harris' home. Members were reminded that attending a newsletter folding was a good way to become more involved with the club and that it was fun. May also was the month for.....

to be continued.....



**It Is Time!!**  
by Marilyn Allen

It is hard to believe but Volksfest 21 is fast approaching. The Volunteer Book is ready for 2011. In fact, Bruce, Rita, and Sarah Raymer already have their names in the Book! By now, I think most of us have a favorite time and assignment or a least favorite time and assignment. I am so glad that the Scouts are doing the parking again!

The Volunteer Book will be at the April meeting for everyone to get their favorite time and assignment. If you can not be at the April meeting, please call (299-4841) or e-mail ([mrsecond@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsecond@yahoo.com)) me. Thanks to all of you for being such wonderful volunteers!

