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Random Thoughts From Your COVVC Boardmember

By Marilyn Allen

We will be having the 2011 t-shirt design contest at the February meeting. This will be the 21st shirt for the club. We always have good designs for the shirt. Our t-shirts are always very popular at the show. Good luck working on the designs. The designs will be used on the shirts and fliers. I am suggesting that everyone wears a COVVC shirt to the meeting. I will be bringing the shirts from the museum. Remember to wear your name badge also!

While we are searching for the t-shirt design, I will have a word search. The 1993 yearbook has several puzzles from the Zündfolge.

I am so sorry to report that Charlie Cox will not be able to be with us in February. Many of you remember that he sold Volkswagens for over 40 years. He retired a few years ago from MAG. He called to say that he is having major stomach surgery in February. The recovery

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Let the festivities begin! Banquet attendees were treated to a fabulous buffet style dinner, followed by the annual awards presentations. Check out page nine for a photo feature!

January Banquet *Fun!*



photo by Greg Gillman

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Next Monthly Meeting -
 7:30pm Sharp!
 February 10th, 2011

Next Monthly Meeting - February 10th, at the Columbus Maennerchor, 966 S. High Street

My Favorite Car | Jack W. Aldrich, 94, St. Petersburg



'57 Volkswagen Karmann Kabriolett

In 1960, while on my lunch hour from the St. Petersburg Times, I bought this 1957 Volkswagen Karmann Kabriolett from the First National Bank for \$500. The bank had repossessed it from a GI who, after shipping it to the States, defaulted on his payments. Although greatly in need of repairs, it was the model I had always wanted! It's been restored twice, but is still powered by that same little 37hp engine. The turn signals 'flip' out from behind the doors. The gas tank holds nine-tenths of a gallon in reserve, which is dropped into the tank (from an inside floor lever) when you "hear" you're running out. It's always been my favorite car and it's still right here in my garage!

Submitted by Don and Karma Wuertz, COVVC Snow Birds, spotted in the local St. Petersburg, FL. newspaper. What a wonderful story about a young 94 year old enjoying his lovely 1957 Beetle Cabriolet. This certainly gives us all something to shoot for doesn't it?

period is over 6 weeks. He hopes to be at a meeting later in the spring.

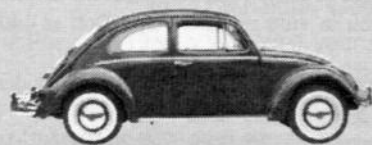
We have gotten a letter from Peg Yerke of the Maennerchor. The letter will be at the meeting. Peg thanked us for the ad we placed in the banquet program and our continued support. She also mentions that the Maennerchor has sold 80% of the property to the Columbus Board of Education. The Maennerchor will make arrangements to move to house at the corner of High and Stewart called the Dutch House. The move will take place at the end of August. The present

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Classified Ads

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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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 - 2) 1982 Rabbit Convertible. Asking \$3500.
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I was so sorry to have missed the January banquet. I had another commitment with the retired teachers. I did get down to see a few people. From all reports, it was wonderful. It was very nice to have representatives from Byers and MAG at our banquet.

Their contributions to Kids-n-Kamp and to our show are very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing both Byers and MAG at our show in August and also welcoming Hatfield to the show.

The banquet is also the time we recognize members who have made a contribution to the club in 2011. Deserving members this year were Debi Garrett, Helen Albright, Mike Williams, Todd Sichel, Bruce Amacker, and Mike Roecker. New this year awards were given to members who year after year go above and beyond in working for the club. The awards were given to Tina Gibson, Linda Brown, Bob Albright, Helen Albright, Ann Gillman, and Mark Garrett.

I do hope to see a lot of people at the meeting. I hope the weather does not keep anyone home.

Do remember to bring your t-shirt design and to wear a COVVC shirt and your name badge!





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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

by Tina Gibson, Secretary

January 13th, 2011

Seventy members and guests including two representatives from Byers , two from MAG and one from Kids n Kamp enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Maennerchor. Dinner music was provided by accordion player, David.

After dinner Brenda presented a check for \$5000 plus \$500 from the raffle to Amy Reeves, Board Member of Kids n Kamp. Amy said that due to another engagement, Bev was unable to attend. Amy explained a little about Kids n Kamp from a parent's perspective. They exist entirely upon donations and thanked us for our contributions.

Mark said the February meeting will be the T shirt design contest so bring your designs. The winner is used on the T shirts and the flyers.

Mark said in addition to our banquet, January is the time to present award to deserving members from the past year.

The first two awards go to two members who are probably snowed in and unable to attend.

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Bruce Amacker and Mike Roecker who have done a great job organizing events in the northern part of Ohio.

Next award to Mike Williams – great toy articles

Todd Sichel – almost a founding member, stores and displays the giant VW sign at out show

Helen Albright – works behind the scene on pre registration and at the show, sets up financial tables and formulas

Debbie Garrett – works tirelessly from 6 AM to 5 PM at the show

Last, an award for the Watkins High School Boosters who set up the tents at the show site and sell food all day at the show. They make money and we get a great spot for the show. The Boosters were unable to be here tonight to accept their award.

Brenda said don't forget the Columbus Auto Show at the Convention Center March 17-20th. Since VW is the foreign feature car at the Arthritis Show this year, we are invited to have as many VWW as we like at the Auto Show. If you are able to take your car there, let Brenda know. Also need as many VWW as possible at the Arthritis Show this year.

Brenda said the Board wanted to recognize those members who work month after month to keep the Club going. Thought of naming the award the Lifetime Achievement Award but decid-

It's Winter, and a Good Time for Basic Engine Testing

by Bruce Amacker

Now in the middle of winter is a good time to do some fundamental testing to your engine to determine its basic health. Air cooled VW's run hotter than your average water cooled daily driver, and therefore have a tendency to burn valves, wear out pistons and rings, and lose compression from other leaks. If you find its health is compromised at least you have enough time to consider your options or act without losing valuable summertime "cruising weather".



ed Above and Beyond was a better title.

Recipients –

Tina Gibson, Secretary (lifetime secretary)

Linda Brown, membership and newsletter folding, rosters, (learned about Excel on the Job)

Marilyn Allen – Historian (wanted to refuse award but wasn't present tonight)

Bob and Helen Albright – Treasurer (Bob does a great job as treasurer – Helen keeps the books and Bob tries to keep from spending our money.)

Ann Gillman – Webmaster (has a full time job but is able to do an excellent, excellent job on the Web site providing show and club activities.)

Mark Garrett – newsletter editor (provides an award winning newsletter every month.)

Mark introduced the Board for the upcoming year –

Stark Hughes, Tom Kern, Pete and Peter Knoll, Mike Roecker, Mike Williams, Rich Berkheimer, Brenda Agan, Todd Sichel, Ann Gillman, returning members. New Board member, Tom Knott.

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What do I mean by fundamental testing? Well, let's start with investing \$10 at Harbor Freight in a basic compression tester and do a compression test. This is where the spark plugs are removed and a compression tester is substituted, the engine is spun with the starter for at least 20 revolutions or 10 "puffs" and the readings recorded. It's a good idea to pull out all 4 plugs while doing this test, or hold the throttle wide open, this verifies there is no restriction on the inlet side which would skew your readings. The BBB (Big Blue Bentley) VW factory service manual states a tight 66-69 1500 engine will likely be in the 114-142psi on a new engine and a wear limit of 100psi is stated. Maximum variation between cylinders is 21psi, this is to be measured at sea level and any variance from this should be investigated. My personal opinion is that these numbers are too wide and I would consider using the automotive industry spec of 10% variation between cylinders and my personal preference of 110psi minimum. Altitude has an affect on this test also and the higher altitude you are at, the lower the readings will be on any engine due to a lower atmospheric pressure. At sea level the atmospheric pressure is 14.7PSI absolute, but at 1000 ft altitude it drops by about 4%. Being that most of the COVVC members live in an area about 900 feet above sea level, the readings taken, and therefore the pass/fail numbers will be lower by several percent.

Investigating why your compression is low might include a "leakdown test", where a calibrated tool is installed

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more likely to cause trouble than repair it! If you have modified your engine I suggest staying away from large displacement oil pumps which are commonly sold in our industry. The stock pump gears are commonly 26mm and I suggest not going above this even on a modified engine. Going to a larger pump causes the relief valve to bypass more oil which only raises oil temperatures. If your internal engine clearances are within spec, a 26mm pump is all you need to maintain proper lubrication to your engine. If you have an oil pressure problem with your engine you can try replacing the oil pump, but in reality much of the time the problem is excessive internal bearing clearances (worn bearings) or a case with the

main bearing bores "hammered" open over many miles.

A vacuum gauge reading at idle is also a wonderful diagnostic, but can only be used on a small percentage of ACVWs due to the lack of a manifold vacuum port. What other testing could be done? An oil analysis as we talked about in an earlier Zundfolge article, or a complete chassis check to verify the upcoming season's cruising will go without a hitch. More on that in an upcoming article. Have fun, be safe, and keep driving those classic VW's!

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Banquet Memories

Before heading into a new year, lets take a few minutes to enjoy some moments from the January Awards Banquet. Congratulations to all of the award winners! The real winner that evening was the Kids-N-Kamp organization, which was presented with a check for \$5000. We are truly blessed to be involved with such a great group.

all photos by Greg Gillman



into the spark plug hole, the engine is turned to exact TDC on the compression stroke, and shop air is applied to the cylinder through an orifice. Reading the gauges gives an indication of the health of the cylinder and anything below 90% is suspect. Also this shop air can be used to determine where the source of cylinder leakage is- if air is heard escaping from the oil fill or crankcase vent, piston ring seal would be the



Typical cylinder leakdown tester



Leakdown Tester in Use

problem. If air is escaping from the exhaust or intake, a leaking valve would be the problem.

What other basic fundamental testing can we do to determine our engine's health? An oil pressure test is a good idea, also, but beware that wintertime pressures will be considerably higher than summertime numbers due to the heavier viscosity of the oil. The best time to do an oil pressure test is actually on a warm summer day after a freeway run of 10 miles or more. This will stabilize the oil and engine temps and give you the most accurate indication of what your bearing clearances are. Oddly enough there are some peculiarities in VW literature on oil pressure. Regarding a '66-69

1500 engine again, the BBB states 28PSI minimum at 158F oil temp at 2500RPM. I agree with that, but what I don't like is in the owner's manual it states that "An occasional flickering of the oil pressure light when the engine is idling after a long high speed trip is no concern if the light goes out upon acceleration". Huh? The oil switch is rated at 2.1-6.3psi, which basically means that you if have nearly zero oil pressure at a hot idle it is acceptable by VW's standards. In the automotive world, it is generally accepted that if you have less than 8-10psi of oil pressure at a hot idle you have excessive clearances, a worn pump, or diluted oil.

Use your own opinion of what your pressure should be, but I'll stick with my 10PSI minimum at a hot idle, and 30-40PSI at speed while driving. Anything higher than 40PSI at speed is wasting HP and creating excessive heat. Do not install "heavy duty" oil relief springs for any reason. If you have low oil pressure or a flickering light, it is unlikely replacing the springs will repair the problem, and they are

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LIFE IN THE PAST LANE

by Marilyn Allen

Continued from January 2011

(I just noticed that in 2001, this column was called "A Look Back" or "A Look Back AT COVVC". The first column that I found was in February, 2001. This column is 10 years old and the column has traveled 10 years of the club's history. Where has the time gone?)

Besides March, 2011, being the toy meeting, it was also to be the meeting where the foundation for the 2001 show was laid. President Mark Garrett announced that the construction at the school should be completed by the show time. The results of the survey were discussed. The first item concerned the meeting place which had been decided in February. The second as that the meetings should start earlier and be shorter. The third and fourth item concluded that there should be less interruptions during the meeting. A time and place for tech sessions was also mentioned. It was decided to start tech sessions in April. The fifth item concluded that meetings should start on time. The sixth item suggested more door prizes, Mark suggested that the club would be purchasing a door prize a month.

The seventh and last item on the agenda concluded that the president should talk less during the meetings (The president agreed with this!). One wonders what the results of the study would be if they were conducted in 2011.

The second item on the agenda for the March, 2001 was.....

to be continued.....



Let's Talk Toys!

by Michael Williams

Welcome back everyone!! Before getting started on this month's featured toy, I wanted to remind everyone that the March meeting will be our annual club toy show; so please bring your favorite toys to share with other members. We'll conduct a "miniature" car show with awards given to the top three toys based on member votes.

The toy I'm sharing with each of you this month is the newest addition to my collection and was purchased from an individual in Italy. This example was manufactured by the Taiyo toy company of Japan during the mid-1960s into the early 1970s. This battery operated tinplate car is 9.7 inches long with a yellow body and a black roof. The front hood has a vertical "Volkswagen" graphic going from top to bottom. When the toy is switched on, the car begins to move forward with a bump and go action with blue and red blinking lights in the rear window.

This toy is fairly easy to find at flea markets and toy shows. The challenge is to find the toy in mint condition with the box. A mint boxed example has eluded me for nearly twenty years; until now. The value of this toy in good condition with no box is around \$50 to \$75, with a boxed mint example coming in around \$150 - \$175.

Until next month...

Happy
Toy
Hunting !!



The meetings for 2011 are as follows:

- January – Mark Garrett – banquet
- February – Marilyn Allen – T shirt Design contest
- March – Mike Williams – toy meeting
- April – Stark Hughes
- May – Tom Kern and Tom Knott
- June – Brenda Agan
- July – Mike Roecker
- Aug – show Meeting – show site
- Sept – Ann Gillman – chicken fry
- Oct – Rich Berkheimer
- Nov – Pete Knoll
- Dec – Todd Sichel

New members here tonight – Michelle Kinnard, 65 Bug. Ted Chaney said that Bill Duvall sends Happy New Year greetings from Florida.

Linda Brown volunteered to host the newsletter folding in February at the Maenerchor.

Mark thanked the MAG and Byers representatives for their donations to Kids n Kamp this year.

Club member, Arnett Howard's band will be at Jimmy Vees in Westerville this coming Tues evening.

Mark said this is the 21st year for COVVC and hopes to see us all here 20 years from now.



The 2011 North American International Auto Show

By Mark and Debi Garrett

After missing the last two years of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Debi and I were anxious to check out this years event.

We knew things were looking up when upon arrival, we were able to park on the Cobo Hall roof parking area. In all the

years we have been going to the show, we had never been able to do that! Off to a good start.

Once inside the show area, we always go directly to the VW display, located in the back left corner. This years display had a decidedly white theme, as the majority of the VWs were painted that color. The full line up was present, including the newly introduced Jetta Sedan and Wagon (1 & 3). Also featured was the debut of the new Passat (6). Strangely, there was no mention at all of the upcoming New Beetle. Huh. The VW area certainly seemed to be busy, but alas, no cool handouts, like the injection molded toys from years past. Maybe next year when the New Beetle is there?

After checking out the VWs, our route from there was a bit less calculated, to say the least. We usually end up bouncing around from one cool display to another. There is always so much cool stuff to take in.

Porsche always has a lovely display of cars (2-5-8) that just make you want to win the lottery! Of course, there

is never a lack of high end dream cars to tease you. Mercedes, Lamborghini, Ferrari, Maserati and Maybach were all there to fuel your dreams.

Other standouts were the new Jaguar XJ (4), a stunning large sedan with all the luxury you would expect from that British company. Cadillac was there with their new line up, including the 2011 CTS-V Coupe Race Car (9). Not your grandfather's Caddy!

The star of the show ironically was one of the smallest. The debut of the Fiat 500 (7) drew a steady stream of interested onlookers. Much like the New Beetle and Mini intros from years past, the interest in this new micro car is high. Compounding this is the re introduction of the Fiat brand in North America. Time will tell.

All in all, another great show. We are already looking forward to 2012!



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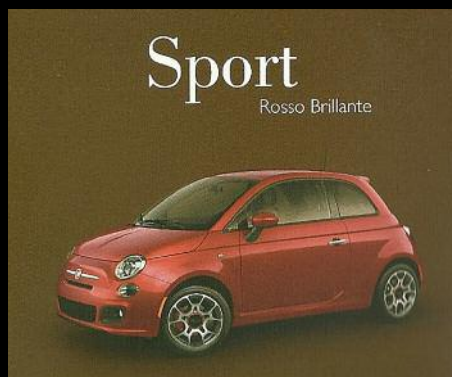
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T-SHIRT design contest to be held at February meeting

Get those creative juices flowing, and bring those nifty designs to the February meeting! Heres some past winners to get you in the creative mood. Good luck to all!

