

## December Meeting Notice

by Brenda Agan

In case you haven't heard, we are unable to meet at Gresso's in December. Instead, we will combine our usual Christmas Cookie Meeting with an open house at the offices of Kids 'N Kamp! They have reserved the party room in their building, located at 3440 Olentangy River Rd., near Riverside Hospital. Bring your own beverages. In addition to the cookies, we'll either do snacks or some kind of food, so watch for more details in the December issue of Zundfolge!

## OSU Homecoming Parade

by Marilyn Allen

The parade committee elected to have our vintage Red or Grey volkswagen cabriolets drive the VIP's in the parade. 4 of our club members volunteered to drive in the parade. Some of our members were disappointed that their cars did not fit in that category. I hope we have pictures next month. Thanks to all who volunteered to represent our club!!



## The 'New Beetle'

By Marilyn Allen

For those of you who looked for the new beetle at the last meeting, I am sorry it was not there. Mark Ludwig was out of town and could not bring the car to the meeting. It was also very dark. I think we will need to visit a dealer to see the car. Hatfield's had a bright yellow one last week. It was super nice. I am trying to convince myself that I do not need a car, but it would be nice.



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# Zundfolge

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

# It's Getting Cold!

## Thoughts From Your COVVC Boardmember

By Mark Garrett and Re Pete Knoll

Happy Fall! With hot Summer days a faint memory, it's time to get into the swing of things, and embrace this chilly change in our weather.

With the roads still free of that nasty, rust causing salt, there is still time to get our treasured vintage air cooled VW's out for some late year driving enjoyment. So check that engine oil level, tire pressures, top off the fuel tank and take to the open road.

As the year winds down, our club looks forward to officer elections at the November meeting, the ever popular December cookie meeting, and the January awards banquet, being held this year at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

The November meeting will again be held at Gresso's, 961 S. High Street, which is right across from our old meeting place, the Columbus Maennerchor. We will be holding officer and board member elections for the upcoming year. After the successful run we have had uti-

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The September meeting at Greg and Ann Gillman's is turning into quite a tasty tradition! All in attendance were treated to Greg's famous fried chicken, and of course a tour of the amazing garage facilities also delighted all. This is the first meeting after the show, so Volksfest 21 was reviewed, with input from members for improving next years event. All this on a lovely fall evening. Many thanks to the Gillman's for hosting this wonderful gathering. Check out page two for more pics.

# Good Chicken!



photo by Greg Gillman

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Good food and good friends, you just can't beat that combination! Here are some more photos from the September meeting at Ann and Greg Gillman's house. Mark your calendars now for the September 2012 meeting. Your stomach will thank you!



# Good Chicken!



photos by Greg Gillman

lizing the board member concept (thanks to Brenda Agan!), we will continue on with it through the foreseeable future. One adjustment that has been discussed at previous board meetings, is to streamline the number of board members from the current 12, down to a total of 6 to 8. This will be discussed at the November meeting before elections proceed.

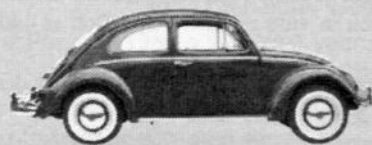
If you have been thinking about stepping down and taking a break (current board members and officers), or taking the plunge and really getting involved in our great club, NOW is the time to do so. We have been truly blessed to have

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a fantastic group of loyal, active members through out the years that have made the COVVC great! I am still amazed at the large number of volunteers that we have for Volksfest each year. Keep up the good work!

Also discussed at the October meeting was the need for one person to oversee the "media" side of our club. In this age of digital information, that would include the COVVC having a presence on Facebook, Twitter, working with Ann Gillman to update the web site, and to also monitor the promotion of Volksfest. This might be something that would involve one head person, and several folks to assist. We will discuss this further at the November meeting.

While on the subject of change, there has been some discussion during the last several months regarding raising the annual membership dues from \$15.00 per year to \$20.00. The increase would mainly go towards covering the monthly expense of printing and mailing of Zundfolge. This would only be the second increase in 21 years. Again, we will review this at the November meeting.

Even though we have been at this for 21 years (starting on 22 next April!), sometimes it's good to have an overview of the month to month activities, so we can all plan accordingly. The "major activities" are as follows:

- January** - Awards banquet.
- February** - T-shirt design contest (Followed by the lay-



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out and printing of the Volksfest show flyer).

**March** - Trophy design contest (Followed by the production of the trophies in a "timely" manner!).

**April** - Listing of Volksfest in all of the major VW and enthusiasts publications and online sites.

**May** - Mailing of Volksfest flyers to past show vendors, and surrounding show promoters.

**July** - Last month before Volksfest, review show for last minute items to deal with.

**August** - Volksfest. If it ain't done now, TOO LATE!

**September** - Eat chicken and start all over again!

Well, that should make you good and tired, looking ahead to all of that work that's right around the corner. But keep in mind there are also lots of fun club activities through out the upcoming year to give us all time to relax.

With a solid membership, the newly formed COVVC North group, and another fun filled year right around the corner, we have plenty to be thankful for during this month of thanksgiving.

See you all at the November 10th meeting.



## Meeting Minutes for October 11th, 2011

by Marilyn Allen

substituting for the vacationing Tina Gibson

**Officers present: Bob Albright, Marilyn Allen, Linda C. Brown**

**Members/guests: Attendance was not taken.**

Brenda called the meeting to order stating that Rich was absent and she and Mark would be chairing the meeting.

Tom Kern gave a report on the Bus Rally on Kelly's Island. He reported that the weather was perfect. He sold 4 show t-shirts and raffled off 2 shirts.

Brenda asked for any new members to stand. Mark and Tami Sopzak introduced themselves.

Brenda thanked the people who helped with the newsletter folding at her home. Doug and Teresa Schleifer, Linda Brown, and Jim Agan helped with newsletter folding.

Future meetings were discussed. The newsletter folding will be held at ElAcapulco. The folding will be held on Friday, November 4th at 7 pm. The restaurant is in the Crossroads development near 270 and North High Street.

Since we can not meet at Gresso's in December, we will meet at the Kids-n-Kamp offices on Olentangy River Road near E. North Broadway. Drinks and food can be brought to the Kids-n-Kamp's office.

A discussion was held about our January Banquet. The group voted to have the January meeting at the Spagethi Warehouse. Each member will pay \$10 for the meal.

Brenda mentioned the Covered Bridge tour hosted by the Don and Karma Wuertz and Tom and Sue Davis. She wished that the club host more of these events.

Brenda asked about skiing at Mad River

Mountain and mentioned that her daughter and husband managed Mad River Mountain.

Mark mentioned that the annual Marion Tour would be on Saturday, October 22nd. Those people who wish to caravan to Marion should meet at the Wal-Mart's on Route 23 at 11 a.m. The group will meet for lunch at noon in El Campesino on 1834 Marion Waldo Road in Marion.

Volksfest was discussed again. It was mentioned that we might want to have ATM's at the show site next year. It was also mentioned that more dash plaques should be ordered.

Mark also mentioned that we should have the trophy design contest in March. The trophies should be worked on in the early Spring so they would be done long before the show. Mark again thanked the volunteers for their hard work at the show. The t-shirt design contest would be in February.

Mark announced that the December Newsletter would be on Saturday, December 3rd at his and Debi's home.

He also mentioned that he and Debi were invited to participate in the Rutherford B. Hayes Invitational Car Show. They won an award in the German class.

Bob gave the Treasurer Report. He displayed the information about the show on 4 large posters. He stated that the balance in the treasury was \$18,900. He suggested that we give \$7000 to Kids-n-Kamp. Ted made a motion to give \$7000 to Kids-n-Kamp. Teresa seconded the motion. The group voted in favor of giving the amount to Kids-n-Kamp. 7 states were represented at the show. There was a total of 304 cars at the show. The income of the show in the years of 2008-10 was \$15000 gross. The income in the year 2011 was \$16,500. Bob mentioned that he had purchased a \$500 bond.

Mark mentioned that a promotion chair person was needed to advertise the show.

It was suggested that we use a Paypal system so people could register by paypal. It was decided that we could afford the expense, since we are not paying our half of the 50/50 to the Maennerchor.

Linda reported that we had 203 members as of October 13th.

Marilyn reported that the Boy Scout Award ceremony would be October 30th. She will take the \$300 check and a certificate of thanks to the troop.

She mentioned that the door prizes were left from the

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alternator on a car. Many or most home-style battery chargers will ruin a battery in 10-20 hours if left on. I recommend slow charging a battery for only a few hours, just enough to give it some power, and letting the generator/alternator top it off. Fast charging a battery severely shortens its life. Most home battery chargers produce a low quality DC output riddled with AC electricity. You're confused? Let me elaborate. Electricity comes in two flavors, AC (Alternating Current) and DC (Direct Current). Without getting too much in detail, let's just say that the two are as compatible as oil and water. Houses use AC and cars use DC, and the purpose of a battery charger is to convert 120V AC to 14V DC. Yes, your 12 volt battery isn't actually 12 volts if it is happy. A fully charged 12V battery reads about 12.6V and is practically dead if it reads 12.0V! It also is happiest when it is living in a system of about 14V that is clean DC with very little AC. This is where the trick comes in- to convert the 120VAC found in your home to about 14VDC without leaving much AC behind. This costs money because the rectification (changing AC to DC) requires expensive diodes. Most inexpensive battery chargers cheat on this expense which leaves the quality of their DC output to be desired. The best source of clean power is a high grade charger or the automobile itself. How do you know if your charger is of good quality? Most aren't.

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After evaluating the 2001 show at the September meeting, members looked forward to visiting other shows in September.

The Toledo Bugfest was held on September 16th at the Ed Schmidt's Volkswagen Dealership in Perrysburg, Ohio. 12 COVVC members caravanned to the show.

The Cincinnati Show was held on Sunday, September 23rd.

Many COVVC members chose to stay closer to home and attended the Columbus Oktoberfest. The 2001 Oktoberfest was held in the Historic Brewery District.

The group met at Shiller Park and caravanned to the Oktoberfest. The group received a discounted ticket price of only 5 dollars.

2001 found the group attending a second Oktoberfest in Minster on Sunday, October 7th. The parade began at 2 p.m. The event was organized by Don and Karma Wuertz. Over a dozen members made the trip to Minster. They met at the Kroger Shopping

Pick yours up and see what it weighs. If you don't struggle to pick it up and you didn't spend a lot of money, it probably has a poor quality DC output. Letting a car run with jumper cables attached to a discharged battery will also be a rather clean source of DC electricity. I know of people who use a homemade tool to charge batteries from the cigarette lighter adapter in their car- a tool made from a cigarette lighter adapter with alligator clips attached to it. This uses the cleanest source of DC available to charge a battery, made by the car's alternator. It is fed through small wires that limit how much current flow can take place which minimizes the stress on the battery's plates as they are charged. This does create safety concerns as flammable hydrogen gas is generated as the battery is being charged, but with the charge rate held low by the small wires gas generation is low also. They use common sense when doing this and keep the battery well ventilated.

I'll continue this topic next month with some other electrical system tips on your cars. Have fun, be safe, and keep driving those classis VW's!

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Center on Route 161 at 10 a.m. There was time for the members to view the crafts and have lunch before the 2 p.m. parade.

October, 2001, continued to be busy for the club members. In addition to the October meeting, the group caravanned to Marion for a special time. It was.....

To be continued.....

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photo by Brenda Agan

*Fine German Stock*

Ted Zombeck, left, and Ted Chaney, right, stand next to their respective fine German autos.

## Why Does My Battery Keep Going Bad?

- part one

by Bruce Amacker

OK, it's been a while since I did a column on electricity so it's time to get back to one of my favorite topics. I did this at the 2010 VolksFest Tech Seminar in Pataskala and have been wanting to revisit it ever since.

Dead batteries are a subject that strikes home with many classic car owners as a thorn in their side. There are many opinions and theories about batteries, and you know about opinions, everyone has one. Your typical daily driver vehicle keeps the battery fresh and topped off with the alternator by running the engine on a regular basis. Many classic cars (including my own) sit for long periods of time between trips that would otherwise normally keep the battery fully charged. These long idle periods will cause a weak battery to go dead on its own without any drain on it. I have a unique opinion about this, somewhat outside of the box. I don't use battery maintainers, chargers, or anything as a preventative measure on my cars. I merely let them sit, frequently for the entire winter from November to April when the roads clear off of salt. On rare occasion I'll take one for a ride during the winter on one of those unusually beautiful, dry days, but this is not common. My cars have always started on their own in the spring without any assistance!

What kills batteries? Most batteries are murdered, rather than dying from old age. The less you work a battery, the longer it will last, and the definition of "work" includes both charging and discharging. It especially includes overcharging. Batteries frequently last much more than 4-5 years, but I replace any of my batteries at this age (especially in my daily drivers) so I know the cars will be reliable when I turn the key. (This also keeps my wife happy as I know her car will always start!)

The most common things that kill batteries are heavy cycling (discharging and recharging) and overcharging. Batteries can be rated for frequent heavy cycling, but most automotive batteries are not. In the old days, you either had an automotive battery made for heavy discharge cranking a starter, or a deep cycle battery designed originally for a boat trolling motor. Car batteries are rated in CCA which is Cold Cranking Amps, which is a load test performed at 0°F. Beware of unscrupulous parts stores that rate their batteries in CA or Cranking Amps, which is the same test performed at 32°F giving a falsely biased high number. A car battery

rated at 600CCA will rate as 800-900CA, leading a poorly educated consumer to think he's getting a great deal!

Car batteries designed for heavy cycling are not happy when discharged and recharged repeatedly. In fact, most regular automotive batteries are "on their last lap" after being run dead and recharged 2-3 times. After that, their plates are sulfated and will not produce the required amperage needed to crank the starter reliably.

Deep cycle batteries are rated in Amp Hours, which is how many hours a battery can deliver a certain amperage. Deep Cycle batteries are made for repeated discharging to the 20% level and recharging, although at a lower amperage. Deep cycle batteries are made for repeatedly discharging at a slow rate as though you are running a trolling motor or camper lights, and recharging at a slow amperage to not damage the plates. In a deep cycle (only) rated battery, using it in an automotive application will cause damage to the plates because they are not made to be charged and discharged at the high amperage rates a (modern) car can generate. Old VW's have generators that are rated at only 30 amps or so and can barely deliver this to the battery after subtracting the required amperage to run the ignition, lights, and etc. I've often thought that this is why some people can get such long battery life in old VW's- because the generator is rated so low and barely charges at an idle. This low output combined with the relative simplicity of the electrical system causes little stress on the battery, extending its life.

Modern vehicles have alternators that are frequently rated at 150 amps or more, and the charge rate can spike nearly this high just after starting the car for a short period of time. This high charge rate is not something that the battery appreciates. Just to confuse you, batteries manufactured now can be rated in both CCA and as Deep Cycle, which never happened years ago.

So when should you charge a battery? Charging a battery that is in normal service with a good alternator is not needed. If the battery has been discharged due to lights left on, having the starter cranked until the battery is dead, etc. will require the battery to be recharged.

So how should you charge a battery? According to the books the best way to charge a dead battery is a slow charge of 5 amps for a period of 5-10 hours, depending on the amp-hour rating of the battery, but this is assuming you have a charger with clean power. Clean power, what's that, you say? Clean power is generated by a high quality battery charger or



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## Let's Talk Toys!

by Michael Williams

Welcome back everyone!! Before getting started on this month's featured toy, I wanted to wish everyone in the club and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. I've yet to find a "Thanksgiving Themed" VW toy, so please let me know if you have seen one or have one in your collection. The toy I'm sharing with each of you this month is another of my favorites in my collection and was purchased at a toy show in the late 1980's.



This month's VW toy was manufactured by the Masudaya toy company of Japan during the mid-1960s into the early 1970s. This battery operated tinplate car is 10.75 inches long with a yellow and red body. The toy depicts a taxi cab with "taxi" on the sides, rear, and top of the car. The toy actually came in two variations. The early version has the override bumpers, while the later version has the pressed bumpers. 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 rare and doesn't come up for sale very often in either variation. It's even rarer to find the toy's box. The value of a late version car in good condition with no box is around \$75, with a boxed mint example coming in around \$200 - \$250. The value of an early version car in good condition with no box is around \$125, with a boxed mint example coming in around \$350 - \$400.

Until next month... Happy Toy Hunting !!

show. Marilyn reminded everyone to wear their name badges. She registered for the OSU Homecoming parade.

The cost to participate in the parade this year is \$100. Ann Gilman felt this was too much for a few members to be in the show. It was pointed out that it would be good publicity for the show. Marilyn reminded everyone that the cost of meeting at Gresso's was \$25.

Tom Diley won \$37 in the 50/50 drawing. It was announced that chances would be sold in November and the bus would be given away in November.

Tickets were drawn for the remaining door prizes..

Mark adjourned the meeting.



## The Bus Giveaway

by Marilyn Allen

One lucky ticket will be drawn at the October meeting for the bus lamp. This lamp would be perfect for a bus owner. Not

many tickets were sold last month.

Buy tickets at the November meeting and you may take home a bus.



## Life In The Past Lane

by Marilyn Allen

Continued from October 2011.....

(Chuck suggested) that we have a display only class. There would not be trophies, but would give people a chance to see the cars that often parked in the spectator lot.

It was also suggested that it is important to know how many cars are registered when the area is laid out. Ann Fornataro stated that she make a tally sheet of the numbers of cars registered in each class.

Many members had suggestions for the 2002 show after the 2001 show.

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# Marion Tour 2011

photos and story by Brenda Agan



Ted, Ted, Ted



Tom, Tom, Tom



Brenda, Ted, Ted, Ted, Brenda



Cool vintage license plates



Saturday, October 22 was an absolutely gorgeous day – perfect weather for Bill Huntsman's 13th Annual (or there about) Marion Tour. As always, Bill did not disappoint us. For me, the day started in the WalMart parking lot where I met up to ride with Ann Gillman (convertible top down!) in a caravan of five cars up to El Campesino for lunch. We had a fabulous turnout of about 30 people. Good food, great camaraderie and limitless door prizes. After singing "Happy Birthday" to Bill, we headed to our cars, making quite a spectacle as we drove to the edge of town for our first stop at the home of E.J. & Joan Stitt.

Housed in two outbuildings, we took in E.J.'s extensive collection of historical license plates, Pure Oil memorabilia and much more. Think Mark Garrett's Toy Room on a vintage gas station theme. I especially liked the Pure Oil dinnerware, once the standard at truck stop restaurants, and the amazing collection of tire tube repair containers along with glass bottles that once held motor oil. I thought only the milkman had those! Here we again were treated to door prizes and everyone came away a winner in more ways than one.

Next we followed co-host and club member Roger Ruth out Rt. 95 to LaRue (pronounced "Lay Roo"), Ohio. We passed through the Big Island Preserve, a major wetland, somehow managing not to lose anyone along the way. This leg of the race (for you Amazing Race viewers) brought us to the home of Jim and Bev Anderson. Jim is a disabled Vietnam War veteran with a huge passion for local

history, and I learned a whole new chapter. LaRue has the distinction of being the smallest town to ever have an NFL franchise, the Oorang Indians, back in 1922 & 1923. Former Olympian Jim Thorpe lived in LaRue at the time and was both coach and player. Mr. Anderson has an interesting collection of vintage football gear and memorabilia, Cleveland Indians and Browns memorabilia, and a plethora of scrapbooks related to Jim Thorpe and the Oorang Indians owner, the Oorang Kennel, which was a major breeder of Airedale Terriers. I learned another facet of Native American history and until that Saturday, I didn't realize what an all-around talented athlete Jim Thorpe was, nor realize the extent of his Ohio roots.

Armed with new knowledge, some folks headed home while others made the stop at the Crown Tower Coffee Shop in downtown Marion, a delightful place that smelled of yummy roasted coffee beans and offered a variety of whimsical gifts and gourmet food items. I was told that they anticipate the arrival of Christmas merchandise the beginning of November and they make wonderful gift baskets. This would be a relaxing place to shop for the holidays.

We were all too whipped to make the once-mandatory stop at the cemetery to see the Mysterious Ball, so I guess it will remain a mystery until next year. Thanks a million to Bill & Olivia Huntsman for yet another awe-inspiring tour, and to the Stitt's and the Anderson's for graciously opening their homes and sharing their passions with us.



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