

# Zündfolge

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE



HAPPY 2016!

MARK GARRETT

Where did 2015 go? Seems we were just planning for the big 25th annual Volksfest yesterday, and here we are putting 2015 to rest and getting geared up for another year of vintage fun.

Tradition calls for the January banquet to kick off the year, and that's how 2016 will indeed begin. We will be at the Spaghetti Warehouse, located at 397 West Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215. The date is January 14th. Social hour will kick off at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm. Their e-mail is [Columbus@meatballs.com](mailto:Columbus@meatballs.com), and the phone number is (614) 464-0143. Contact Brenda Agan at [bagan@insight.rr.com](mailto:bagan@insight.rr.com), 614.323.2593, or Brenda Easley at [one\\_kungfu@yahoo.com](mailto:one_kungfu@yahoo.com), 614.570.4179 for reservations and menu questions. You must make your reservations no later than January 11th (at the latest!).

The banquet offers an opportunity to gather with fellow COVVC friends for a relaxing evening of good food and conversation. We will also be making our check presentation to Kids-N-Kamp. This is always an enjoyable time.

The board members will be meeting on January 7th to review 2015, and discuss the upcoming year. The majority of the meeting will be dedicated to The past Volksfest and ways we can improve the experience. Even after 25 years, there is always room for improvement.

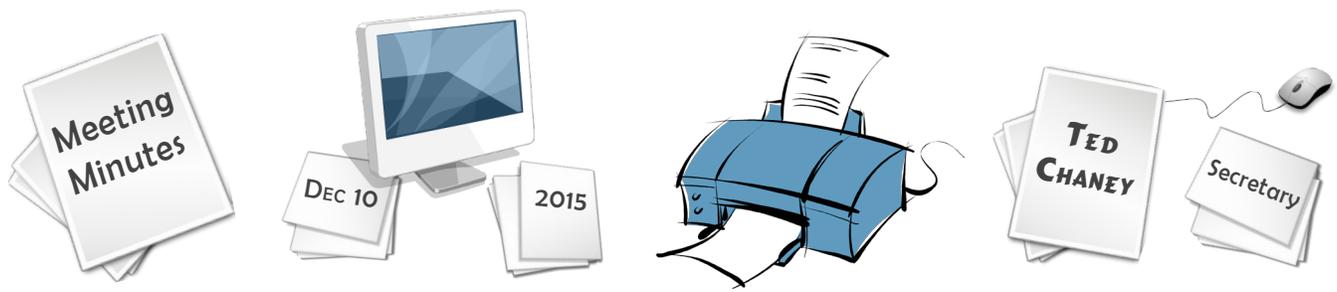
While on the topic of Volksfest, Debi and I will be stepping down from our various duties for the coming year. We will be at the show all day, and will volunteer for a 1 or 2 hour spot at one of the various stations. The time has come for both of us to take a break, as the last few years have been quite hectic, to say the least. Be thinking about stepping into show car pre registration or working the front gate as a money changer. Also, we will need someone to organize the bike riders first thing in the morning and heading up the judging process later in the day. We will be more than happy to give anyone interested step by step guide lines for these tasks. Get with Debi or myself at the banquet, or contact us at 614-262-2881 or [garrett48@ameritech.net](mailto:garrett48@ameritech.net). Debi and I will continue on the board.

With the unusually warm late fall and early winter, we have enjoyed an extended driving season for our vintages Vdubs. I was detailing a car in my garage two weekends ago, and I had the door open! Crazy! I'm sure the cold and snow will reach us soon (it usually snows the evening of the banquet!), but for now enjoy these bonus driving days while you have them.

See you all at the Spaghetti Warehouse on January 14th. Happy New Year!



HAPPY NEW YEAR



The meeting was called to order by our Treasurer Todd Sichel.

The first order of business was a brief treasurer's report: all bank balances total \$20620 which is \$1500 more than last year at this time.

The Club will be donating \$5000 to Kids n K amp at the January banquet.

Brenda announced there will be a board meeting on January 7, 2016. Final Time and Location to be determined and sent out to the board members.

Our Annual Club Banquet will be at the Spaghetti Warehouse again. 6:30pm happy hour, 7 pm dinner. The menu will be the same as last year. Cost to members will be \$10 per person. Brenda is going to get more details into the next newsletter.

Brenda Agan then sang her own version of a Christmas carol based on our club and the show.

Al Moore was the winner of the 50/50 - \$38

This meeting was also the annual cookie meeting and we had PLENTY. A good time was had by all. Your secretary ate way too many.....and probably was not the only one to do so!



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# TOYS, CURIOS & COLLECTIBLES

MIKE  
WILLIAMS

Welcome back everyone!!

I hope all of you found that special VW toy under your Christmas tree. Santa actually left me several neat VW toys under the tree which I hope to share with all of you in upcoming articles. The toy I'm sharing with each of you this month was produced by a very well-known Japanese toy manufacturer. This toy comes from a VW collection I was lucky enough to purchase several years ago. The collection was well over 950 pieces and contained many VW toys I've never seen before.

The toy I'm sharing with each of you this month was manufactured by the Bandai Toy Company of Japan during the early to mid-1960s. This battery operated tinsplate VW beetle is 9 inches long. The toy has a very colorful tin lithograph interior insert with dashboard and plastic steering wheel. The toy is a joy to watch as it drives across the floor. When the switch is turned on, the toy begins to move forward with a bump and go action while producing a putt putt sound.

The toy is fairly rare and doesn't come up for sale very often. Consider yourself extremely lucky if you find this toy with the box. Most of these boxes never made it past day one once the child removed the toy from the box. The value of the toy in good condition with no box is around \$75 - \$125, with a boxed mint example coming in around \$225 - \$275. It's not 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 !!

Also this month, Brenda Agan is sharing some Volkswagen Ice Cube Trays she got for Christmas, Very Neat!



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## Replacing Rotted Panels: Getting Started

*I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Things are good here and the lack of snow has made it easy to work on and drive the cars. Hopefully you have the furnace on in the garage and are getting ready to tackle that winter project.*

*Last month I started this series on replacing body panels, I'll continue this month and talk about the physical process. First, determine what panel you are going to replace, then do some research online and find out who makes that exact replacement panel for your car. Yes, if you're really handy you can make your own panels from raw 18-22ga sheet steel but if you have that talent you're not reading this article. Plus, generally the time involved to bend the panel requires time, skill, and frequently an English Wheel, which is a large floor mounted piece of manual equipment for forming large curves in flat steel sheets. Using an English Wheel is an art that is not mastered in short time.*

*Anyway, purchase the panel, let's assume it's something simple like a dogleg or rocker. Look at all of the VW suppliers and choose who to buy the panel from- I suggest AutoCraft from England or the green stuff from Gerson. In my opinion, stay away from the generic black panels or the Danish stuff from Klokkerholm which is usually black or dull brown in color. This is a place you DON'T want to skimp on quality! Choosing a cheap panel could cause several more hours to be invested into the panel and possibly not successful at all. When I bought my bus the previous owner included a variety of panels he had picked up from various swap meets, so I had a chance to work with many vendors' panels. Wow, the difference in quality is unreal! There are differences in the thickness of the steel, and the vendors are not always truthful about how thick the panels are. They might all say they're 20 gauge, but when you get them, clean the paint off and use a micrometer to measure the actual thickness you might see up to .010" difference in actual thickness. This is a huge amount! Not only is the thickness of the metal different, but I had some pieces where I had 2-3 of the same panel from different vendors. Holding them, feeling them, and looking at them showed which ones were obviously better in quality. Being that I had so many panels from so many vendors I miked each one and wrote the thickness on the panel with a marker. One big difference is the edges- the quality panels had more "edge" to work with than the cheap panels. That means metal to work with where the weld is, or how much hangs underneath when you're done. Sometimes the good panels will also have a recessed "lip" which goes under the weld joint to make the edge stronger. The best example I had was the right side rocker panel on my '66 Bus, which came pre-assembled from a vendor I choose not to name. It was an absolute nightmare to deal with, cost me 2-3 solid days of wasted time, and fit so poorly I ended up cutting it off and scrapping it! I ended up ordering and installing AutoCraft panels in that location. AC and Gerson Green are probably the two most respected suppliers, and most of the time the price difference is not significant. When price shopping I commonly saw only a few dollars difference between the cheapest and best panel. Even if it was a big difference, you'll learn a valuable lesson by NOT buying the cheapest panel. The poor quality panels are terrible to deal with, but even the best of panels sometimes need to be "massaged" to fit, so don't expect perfection coming right out of the box. Also, don't cut the old panel out until the new panel is there. Lay the new panel on top of the area to be cut out and use a chalk or sharpie to mark where the new panel will be, and decide where your old panel will be cut to remove. You must decide at this time whether you're going to "butt" the new panel to the existing sheetmetal, or overlap it. I butt jointed all of the seams in my bus, but that is harder and takes more skill and effort to make it fit well. Overlapping is easier for a less skilled welder trying to do a normal level restoration. If you're shooting for Pebble Beach you'll want to butt all of the joints together and then grind the weld out, it can be made imperceptible if you work at it.*



*I'll continue this next month with tips on welding the panel in, stay warm and keep busy!*

# 2015 Cookie Meeting



## Garrett Family Christmas!

With the Christmas season comes the traditional village scene with lots of snow, and of course a few vintage Volkswagens sprinkled in for good measure.

Hope they have gas heaters in those things, as that snow looks mighty deep!



## MEMBER CONNECTION

## BUY, SELL, SWAP

### For Sale: Lot of Vintage VW Parts

Would like to sell as one lot: Garage full of carburetors, coils, lenses for all types of lights, windows, rims, beauty rings, hub caps, piston rods back seats in mint condition and more. Call Roy Woodruff @ 419-526-0182.



### For Sale: 1978 Beetle

Selling my 1978 VW Convertible, Appraised value of VW bug is \$16500 Asking \$11900.00. Call Bruce @ 740.964.9856



### For Sale: TOYS!!

Selling off my VW Toy Collection, some rare finds. Please Call Mike Fornataro 740.964.4520



### For Sale: 1959 Karmann Ghia

Low Light Coupe, unrestored but repaired. Never rusted or wrecked, Approx 40K on newer engine, new upholstery. Valued at \$8300, (negotiable) great car to show and drive. Contact Don Bowker @ 330.274.8872



### For Sale: 1979 Super Beetle Convertible,

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### For Sale: Collectibles

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**Wanted: 6-Volt AM radio** (working) for a 1965 Beetle. Contact Ken @ 440.429.5633

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## 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.

- \* Classified and Wanted ads are free for members.
- \* Submission Deadline is the 15th of every month.

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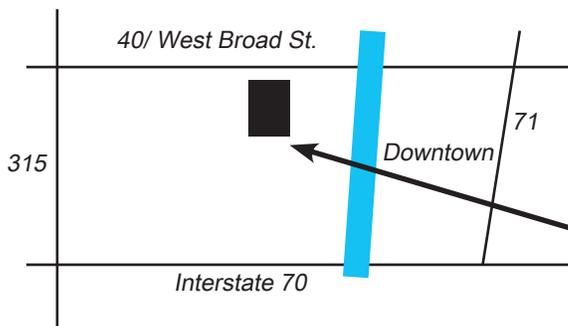
*...and don't forget to bring your appetite!*

The Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 and, back by popular demand, will be held at Spaghetti Warehouse, 397 W. Broad St., Columbus, 43215. We will enjoy a plated dinner consisting of your choice of entree from the following line-up of Warehouse Favorites: Spaghetti & Meatballs, 15-Layer Lasagna, Fettucini Alfredo, Four-Cheese Manicotti, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, or Chicken Parmigiana. Dinner includes salad, bread, soft drink, tea, or coffee and dessert. A cash bar is available. Please let me know if you have a special dietary restriction.

Dinner orders will be taken promptly (really??!) at 7:00, but please plan to arrive by 6:30 to socialize. The cost for COVVC members (and their guest) is \$10 per head for the dinner, with the club picking up the balance. I have only received a reservation from a handful of you, so please contact me by email at [bagan@insight.rr.com](mailto:bagan@insight.rr.com), or by phone at (614) 323-2593 to let me know if you plan to attend. Reservations are required so that the restaurant will be sure to have the correct number of servers on hand. Payment will be taken at the door in the form of cash or check payable to COVVC. Spaghetti Warehouse will accept cash or credit/debit card for bar sales. Please plan to attend - this is one way the club celebrates another year together and says thanks for working so hard at Volksfest. It's always a good time!



*Please place  
your reservation  
by January 7!!*



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