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Note From the President

By Terry Hibbett

Happy 4th of July. Hope everyone had a good and safe 4th of July. I can't believe that summer is already half over. Guess as we get older time just flies on by. I wish it would slow down just a little.

The car show and cruise in's are in full swing now. Two or three a week within our area so I hope you are getting out to some of them. Especially the cruise in's, they are fun and you don't have to have a show car to participate. Just show up and enjoy the eve-

ning with all the other gear heads and car lovers.

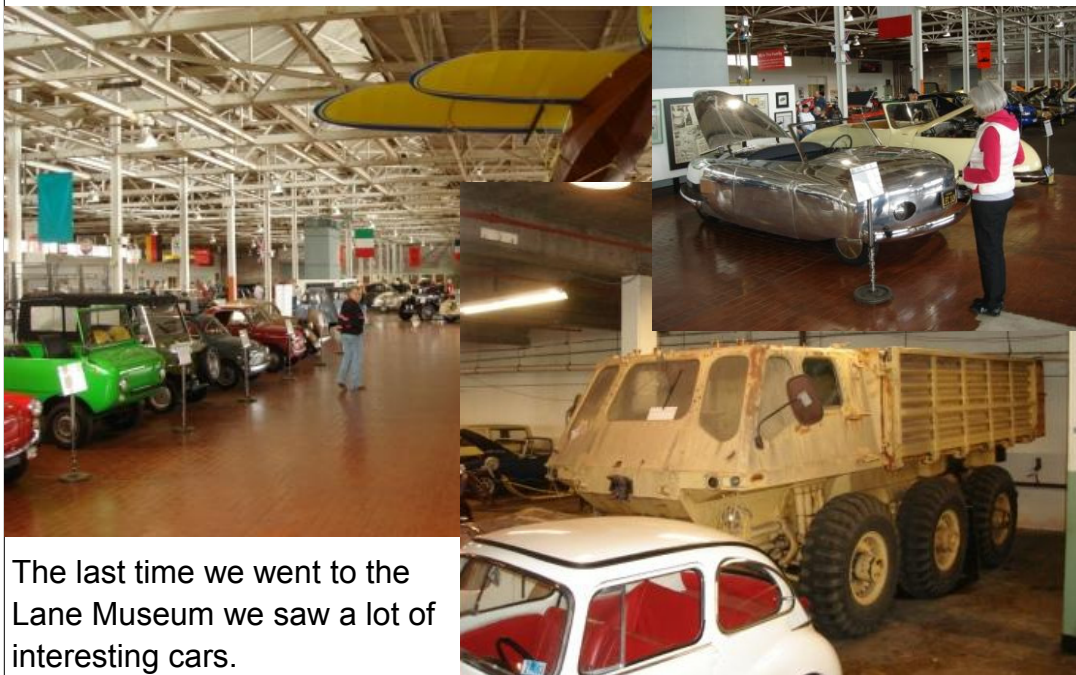
Check this issue of the newsletter for upcoming Club events. July is a cruise to Lanes Museum, August is the car show at the Wilson County Fair. Would love to see more of our members present at our Club outings.

Until next time, drive your VW's and show your colors.

Terry

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The last time we went to the Lane Museum we saw a lot of interesting cars.



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Happy Birthday!

July:

Charles Powell July 4
Sandra Wood July 29

August:

Tricia Combs August 4
Jeri Mason August 16
Kathy Gober August 20
Lindsey Kittrell August 24
Barbara Powell August 29

Meeting Dates

Meetings are held 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM at the Piccadilly in Nashville.

Upcoming meeting dates:

◆ July 18

◆ August 15

LANE'S MOTOR MUSEUM CRUISE

Mark this date July 23, on your calendar as the Middle Tennessee VW Club will be making our 3rd cruise to Lane's Motor Museum. We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Piccadilly off Murfreesboro Road and cruise together up to Lane's.

For those who have never visited Lane's you are in for a treat. Usually there are 150 European automobiles on display on the main floor with that many or more in the basement. You will see cars that you have probably only seen in movies and I understand that they have added several VW'S to their collection.

We will tour the museum and then decide where everyone would like to eat and make a day of it. I highly recommend this activity as it is not only inexpensive but also very educational and fun. SEE YOU SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, AT 10;00AM AT THE PICCADILLY.

Murfreesboro Cruise-in June 17th—by Ken Johnson

On June 17th at 5:00PM several members of the club met up at the Cracker Barrel at I-24 and Sam Ridley Parkway for the club's June event and convoyed down to the Avenue in Murfreesboro for the Murfreesboro Hot Rod Club's "Cruise-in at the Avenue".

The club had 4 cars at this event; Terry Hibbett's orange Thing, Louis Ortega's blue Beetle, Ken Johnson's yellow Sun Bug, and Bert Knupp's police Beetle.

This was a really large cruise-in activity with lots of lookers and a chance to talk with the public and other car enthusiasts about our cars and our club.

There was a wide range of vehicles at this cruise-in, and some of the nicest show cars in the area. There were a number of other non club Volkswagens at the Cruise-in too. Afterward, the club members all went To Mimi's Café for a late dinner and some good fellowship.

Wilson County Fair Car Show

On August 14th during the Wilson county Fair is the annual Car Show. The Car Show will be our monthly Club event.

We have been in this show for the last three or four years and have always enjoyed it. I would like to see eight or ten cars from our Club participate in this show. Its very good Club exposure plus its fun to walk around the fair and see all the happenings there.

We will be talking more about this event at the July meeting on July 18th. Hope you are there to hear more about this fun event.

New Seats For The Thing by Emmett Wood

The front seats on my Thing were in need of some help. They were OK, but they were not original, and they were not up to the standards of the rest of the car. Someone had modified Karman Ghia seats to fit by adding additional tracks below the original seats. A couple of years ago I modified this by adding spacers to



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bring the seats up to the original height. I liked the result, but the covers were old and stiff, and there were some tears in the passenger seat. I ordered some new front covers from J Bugs because they could get the seats with no seams in the seat and back. This smooth look is like the original for The Thing, but I was still able to keep the head rests. I stripped down the old seats and cleaned and painted the springs and frames. I used new foam padding over the original fiber pads that had become flattened over the years. This gave me a good compromise between softness and support. The result was a little wide so after I glued the foam pad on I used an electric knife to trim the foam around the edges. The result was just slightly larger than the original and let the covers go on very well. I am pleased with the result, and it looks like what the factory should have put on in '73 since all other cars had head rests by that time.

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Coming Events

Monthly meetings at the Picadilly Cafeteria on the third Monday of each month at 7:00

Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21

The following is a list of upcoming events that we know about at this time.

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| July 16 | Bug'n In July—Decatur, AL |
| July 23 | Lane's Motor Museum Cruise |
| August 14 | Wilson County Fair Car Show—Lebanon, Tennessee |
| September 3 | Moss Wright Car Show—Goodlettsville, Tennessee |
| September 10 | VDub Derby—Bachman VW, Louisville, Kentucky |
| September 10 | AACA Show—Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee |
| September 17 | Gladefest—Gladeville, Tennessee |
| September 24 | Bavarian Volkswagen Run—Chattanooga to Helen, GA |
| Sept 30-Oct2 | Circle Yer Wagens—Sevierville, Tennessee |
| October 1 | Crusin The Ridge—Joelton Baptist Church |
| October 8 | MTVWC Trace Cruise—Natchez Trace Parkway |
| October 15 | Bugs N Brats-Hazel Green, AL—Airkooled Kustoms |
| November 12 | MTVWC Fall Fest |
| December 3 | MTVWC Christmas Party |

. .The items shown in **Bold** are club activities. More will be added throughout the year. If you have a suggestion for a club activity please contact one of the club officers or bring it up at a club meeting.

For Sale

1971 Ghia convertible, needs battery and a tune up and will be ready for the road. \$3500.00

1967 Bug, would make a great rat rod. \$600.00

1992 Cabriolet, good running condition. \$2500.00

I need to sell some of my VW's so make me an offer.

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