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Middle Tennessee Volkswagen Club Newsletter

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## Note From the President

By Terry Hibbett

Thank goodness the weather has cooled down. Hope it will stay that way so we can drive our VW's in comfort again.

I hate that I missed the Moss Wright Car Show the first of the month but I was out of town. I believe that is the first one I've missed in about six years. I understand that the weather was miserable that day with the temp up around 100 mark. Guess its a good thing I missed it because I could not have stayed out in that kind of heat.

I also understand that the Club had a pretty good showing of cars. We won the "Best Club Participation" award again this year. If I'm not mistaken, thats the fourth time we have won that award. Thanks to the members who showed their cars and took the time to participate. Read the article about the show in this newsletter.

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

*Terry*

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### TRACE CRUISE

On Saturday October 8th, we will be cruising down the Trace for a nice drive and a picnic. We will meet and leave from the Kroger's parking lot at the corner of Nolensville Road and Old Hickory Blvd. We will leave at 10:00 am sharp so please be on time.

We will have a sign up sheet at the September 19th meeting so please sign up then or call me at 832-3947 on or before October 4th so I will know how much food and drinks to purchase.

Hope we will have a good turn out for this activity as it is always a fun trip with lots of good food. Hope to see everyone there.



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## Happy Birthday!

### September:

Tina Lane September 14

Crawford White September 22

Harry Combs September 23

Eddie Green September 23

### October:

Phyllis Massey October 1

Martha Smithson October 29

## Meeting Dates

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

Upcoming meeting dates:

◆ September 19

◆ October 16

## Music City BBQ Festival and Car Show By Ken Johnson

On August 27<sup>th</sup> two members of the club attended the 3rd Annual Music City BBQ Festival and first ever car show. Emmett Wood showed his nicely restored 1973 Thing and Ken Johnson showed his 1974 Sun Bug. We were held up at registration as the Corvette Club and Mustang Club was given first shot at the show site and since both clubs had so many cars they ended up parked in a prominent spot, but also a very hot spot with no shade. The VW's faired better as we ended up parked up the hill in the tree line where there was plenty of shade, a cool breeze and a great view of the river and show. We had quite a number of folks come up the hill to see our VW's. Unfortunately there was not a big turn out for VW's that day as Emmett and Ken were the only 2 VW's in the show. Emmett placed first in the Air-cooled division and Ken placed second. The food was good and there was plenty of BBQ for sell. Music was provided by live local bands and the music was generally pretty good. We talked to the promoter and he said the word didn't quite get out the way he had hoped but they planned to make this an annual event so he expected with a little better promotion the show would continue to grow. There were about 80 total cars in the show. Our club may want to give this show another look next year.



## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowen-Campbell Auto Expo *By Ken Johnson*

The Bowen-Campbell Auto Expo show was held in the Moss Wright Park on Saturday September 3 and was attended by 6 club members, all showing their cars. There were also 6 other VW's in the show for a total of 12, not a bad showing for the VW community. The non club cars included a



very nicely restored Karman Ghia, a very nicely tricked out Super Beetle, a very nice Bus, an almost stock Super Beetle, a fairly radical chopped top Beetle, and a Baja bug. Club members spent most of day trying to stay cool and chatting with other car enthusiasts. The awards ceremony started at 1:30 so the new judging procedure appeared to work for speeding up that process.

This year the judging was done by drive-by judging. The judging was actually performed as part of check in and actually went on while we were registering our cars for the show. We didn't even have a chance to get out of the cars. And even though most of us had loads of stuff in our cars, coolers, tents, tool bags, etc, that ap-



parently that did not count against us. The club won the Best Club Participation award this year as the Corvair and Corvette club did not show up in force. Attendance was a bit down this year as the thermometer rose to 103 degrees during the show. Thanks to Terry prearranging with Mickey, one of the show promoters, our club had a reserved spot along the tree line.

The club faired very well in the VW class with Emmett Wood placing third with his Thing, Luis Ortiz placing second with his blue bug, and first place was shared by Ron Samuels with his fantastic double cab and Ken Johnson with his Sun Bug. David Massey won a third place trophy in the sports car class



with his new toy, an MG/VW kit car. Several members also won door prizes. The food was good, music was good, club location was good and most important; the fellowship was great. The show wrapped up by 3:00. All in all it was very hot day, but a very good day also.

### **J-3 Autobody and Restoration by Ron Samuels & Emmett Wood**

Ron and Emmett took a trip down to Columbia to visit Rich Ewald at J-3 and get a look at his operation. We were very impressed with his operation. He has a lot of room and he keeps his shop very neat. In addition to the normal work bays, he has many pieces of heavy machinery for making



parts that he can't otherwise find. He makes replacement bed gate rails for single and double cab trucks which he sells over the internet. He has an area for media blasting vehicles, and a modern spray booth. There is a separate area for final assembly of cars.

While we were there we saw a couple of Karman Ghia's and a double cab that had been taken back to the bare metal, and he was in the process of replacing sections where the sheet metal was corroded through from rust.



When they finish the whole body is back to solid metal.



They work on all kinds of air cooled VW's. We saw Beetles, busses, trucks, Karman Ghia's, and type 3's while we were there. They do all kinds of work—from oil changes up to complete restorations. Rich said they have been there about 12 years and he has expanded the building a couple of times. Right now it is a 2 man operation so they stay pretty busy.



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## Coming Events

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

**Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21**

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

- September 10 VDub Derby—Bachman VW, Louisville, Kentucky
- September 10 AACA Show—Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee
- September 17 Gladefest—Gladeville, Tennessee
- September 24 Shrine Car Show—Nashville, TN
- September 24 Bavarian Volkswagen Run—Chattanooga to Helen, GA
- Sept 30-Oct2 Circle Yer Wagens—Sevierville, Tennessee
- October 1 Crusin The Ridge—Joelton First 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

- 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.

Call Terry at 832-3947



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