



MVVC Quarterly Newsletter

2022 First Quarter Newsletter



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The ramblings of Your MVVC President - Dan Pierce

Greetings to the Mvvc Group. This is the time of year when projects get near completion and the full weight of winter is on our backs. But fear not! As we are coming up on all sorts of VW goodness. The Michigan Buggy Builders show is coming up on March 27th and is always a great time.

Your board will be meeting in March as well on the 23rd to start work in earnest for the upcoming Mvvc Festival. The show will start on June 10th on Main Street in Frankenmuth, while the main show will be on Saturday June 11th at the River Place Shops. It will end with a very large parade on Sunday the 12th.

As you can imagine a large amount of the show falls on my shoulders to plan and I have been busy working with Zehnders as well as the Riverplace and the Chamber of Commerce in Frankenmuth. We still have plenty of loose ends to take care of but are well underway to having a great show in an epic location at a very cool weekend. Finding a Beer and a Brat will never be easier than at this show!

As we get closer to spring we have to work on some other events such as some cone racing to be held at Arbor Motion, some tech meetings at Munks and a color tour of course. Then there is the Woodward Cruise and other shows usually capped off with a Christmas party. As you can see it is going to be a busy and fun 2022.

So be sure to finish up your winter projects so that you can enjoy some fun in the sun!

Dan Pierce Mvvc President.



42 YEARS IN THE THINGDOM

What a long strange trip it's been!

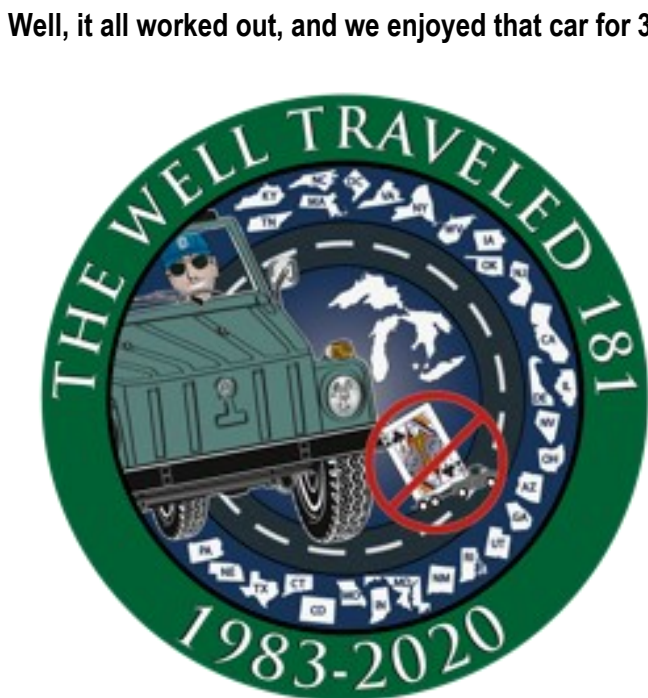
I had my first good look at a VW Thing in the late '70's when I saw one parked on the street in Bar Harbor, Maine. I was immediately hooked; thinking "I've got to get me one of these!". It took some convincing, but we bought our first Thing in Grass Lake, MI in 1980. Thing 1 was rough as a cob, but I didn't know any better. The engine was a "U" code; originally installed in a Type 3 and had been converted to upright. Since we lived in a condominium at the time, it took some rule bending to fix it up. I painted the car with a roller (under the carport) in an "Eastern Front Winter camouflage" scheme (a holdover from my model airplane building days). People used to walk up to it, feel that "paint roller texture", and ask if it was fiberglass!



We had many an adventure in that car until the Summer of 1983, when I found a nice 1974 Thing that came from California. Still living in the condominium, and with some additional rule bending, Thing 2 was completely disassembled. Back then, I had purchased a new 1983 Jetta from Tom Sullivan VW. After a few friendly conversations with Tim Sullivan, son of Tom, he agreed to paint Thing 2. I chose a 1983 VW color called "Lhasa Green" (LA6V); very popular with European GTI's, but not so much here in the US. Anyway, Thanksgiving weekend of 1983, the car was flatbed towed to Sullivan's. Tim had to finish the car and have it gone from the dealership before his father returned from Florida the following Monday



The Well traveled 181 negotiates the curves on US 129... AKA "The Dragon"



Well, it all worked out, and we enjoyed that car for 37 years. Buzzing around town was great, but the best times were had on road trips. I had driven that car through 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Ontario, Canada. My longest road trip in that car was the drive from Detroit to LA for the "Things West" show in 2018. On that trip I only put the top up twice; once for half a day in the Arizona heat, and once for half a day during a torrential rain storm on my return trip across Iowa. That was a great car. Sadly, it came to grief at the hands of a careless driver when it was rear-ended while stopped at a traffic light during the Woodward Dream Cruise of 2020. It was declared a total loss. That was a bad day.

But... The best cure for a broken heart is a new love; which brings me to Thing 3.



My Hagerty policy (on Thing 2) included “cherished salvage” coverage, which allowed me to keep the wreck upon settlement without penalty. I highly recommend it.

By far, it’s the nicest Thing I have owned.

So anyway, I spent the Winter of 2020-2021 applying my usual level of TLC, and transferring many parts from the wrecked Thing 2 to the new (to me) Thing 3, including a very fresh 1776 engine from the old car. The original AM code engine was crated (taking the usual steps for long term storage). From Thing 2, I have also installed the seats, my old dash panels with the Westach gauges, radio, etc. Also, CD Ignition, Accusump. cruise control, daytime running lights, compressor and horns, Setrab oil cooler, Bilstein shocks, all of the locks (so I could keep my old keys) and on and on and on... I have installed a new Vintage Speed quiet Thing exhaust with his J tubes. Front brakes are Karmann Ghia discs, and rear brakes are late Type 3 drums. I have switched to 4 lug wheels; Gas Burner knockoffs with Vredestein Sprint Classic tires; 185/15.

So now, I am looking forward to a few more years of fun and adventure.

Safe travels and best regards, Mondshine





Events Update, First Quarter 2022

By Merritt Scott Collins

Is this the year things get back to normal? Please tell me it is.

As of this writing, there are about a dozen 2022 events listed on mvvc.net, and as always, we'll continue to add to the list as dates and details firm up. If you know of a VW or even just a fun car event, please drop me a note at events@mvvc.net, so we can let others know.

What's on the immediate horizon?

Buggy Builders in Lansing is coming up March 27.

A vintage VW tech session at Munk's Motors in Waterford on Sunday, April 10. We know the weather in early April can be hit or miss, so come even if you have to leave your VW at home. RSVP to events@munks.com for that.

New this August is a vintage car show in Grandville. It's not a new event in *Grandville*, but it is for our club. The Grandville organizer contacted our club because this year, they want to feature VWs. To assess the level of interest, I invited her to start a discussion in our club's Facebook group. Reception has been positive, not to mention plentiful – lots of people have indicated that they plan to attend. So if you live on the west side of the state – or don't mind a short road trip from elsewhere – this is the kind of event you've been waiting for. Plan for it on August 13th.

Also, if you are on Facebook but are not yet a member of our club's group, please join us there; it's a fantastic place for two-way communication, buying/selling, advice, restoration progress, and especially sharing information about events.

Mark your calendar for the events we know about:

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| Mar. 4-6 | Detroit Autorama |
| Mar. 27 | Michigan Buggy Builders |
| Apr. 10 | MVVC spring tech day |
| June 4-5 | Peacefest at L.A. Café, Waterford |
| June 10-11 | MVVC Festival in Frankenmuth, see the Festival page for details |
| June 12 | Wings & Wheels at Yankee Air Museum |
| <u>June 16-18</u> | <u>Cruisin' Gratiot Eastpointe</u> |
| <u>June 25</u> | <u>Fort Street Cruise</u> |

June 26	Cars under the Stars Fireworks at M1 Concourse
July 9	Deutsche Marques at Gilmore
July 17	US-131 Bug Run
July 23–24	Vintage Races at Waterford Hills
July 24	Telegraph Cruise
Aug. 7	Clinton Twp. Gratiot Cruise
Aug. 13	Grandville Vintage Show featuring VWs
Aug. 20	Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug. 28	Cruisin' Hines
Aug. 31	Harper Cruise
Sept. 3	NoWo
Sept. 11	Frankenmuth Auto Festival
Sept. 18	Orphan Car Show, Ypsi
Sept. 24	North Gratiot Cruise
Sept. 22-25	Bayfield Volksfest

Bear in mind that some of our most popular events aren't yet nailed down yet for this year. These include:

Fall color tour

VWs on the Hill at Waterford Hills (also usually in the fall)

Dakota Inn for dinner, with or without singing.

Several of the usual cruises

For these, we work with venues and our volunteer event hosts to sort out schedules and details, and will keep you posted if and when details unfold.

Until next time...



Adventures with Ally

by Dan Pierce



Winter is a special time for us car nuts. It's a time to lick the wounds from previous seasons breakage and to modify and add to our masterpiece.

I have spent many a winters night with the diesel heater going and me trying to make Ally Better, Stronger, more complicated and expensive!

Due to the extra time and reduced events due to Covid, and the cancelations I found myself with pretty much nothing to fix on Ally for this year. I do have some small upgrades but decided those can wait for when we are back into the 50's, like April !

I still want to finish up the installation of the vintage rally computer I procured from a company in Poland. I also have a new set of 80 pound injectors to swap out to take care of a bleed down issue. And I want to find a cool place to mount my new solid chemical fire extinguisher I procured from Munks Motors (titter amongst yourselves but a good fire extinguisher should be on all your Birthday wish lists). Also the usual fluid top offs, line inspection (brake and fuel, and oil cooler), and general nut and bolt tighten routine I start every year with.

And that's about it. For Ally that is a very short list. I did perform a winter start recently and confirmed a fuel leak from a bad injector which again will be repaired in spring.

I added a montage of some fun winter fixes over the years. I actually enjoy working on the car even if I did take kind of a break for 2022.

See everyone soon! Dan Pierce President Mvvc



Check out our club store

Get your Hoodie with the club logo on the back. They are \$30.00 for sizes M, L, XL and \$35.00 for 2XL, 3XL.



These are the same hoodies we currently have with zipper front but with the color logo on the back. The cost will be \$40.00 for M, L, XL and \$45.00 for 2XL, 3XL

You can also purchase a club t-shirt for \$12.00 sizes S - XL \$15.00 for 2XL or 3XL



Club carry - all bag with full color club logo. \$5.00

These are embroidered with a version of the club logo. \$25.00



Follow this link to get to the Store.

<https://www.mvvc.net/store/>



The MVVC is a Chapter of the Vintage Volkswagen Club of America (VWCA). Members are encouraged to also join and support the VWCA. Membership is separate from the MVVC membership. Applications for the national club may be found at : www.vwca.com.

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The MVVC Newsletter Needs YOUR STORIES!

If you have an interesting, technical or simply entertaining story about your vintage VW, PLEASE consider submitting your article to the Newsletter!

Also, if you have photos of any recent MVVC events or members, those are appreciated as well! Remember the Newsletter is written

FOR YOU and BY YOU!

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