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Late Bay Engine lid £110
Late Bay Engine lid £30
Vacume advance distributor £5
Contact Kevin on 07787900338

Beetle 1967 1300, Adjustable front beam and spare floorpan halves. Spares or repair - open to offers. Contact Tim Moore 01908 371551

11966 Karmann Ghia Coupe. Graphite Grey, Lowered, Retrimmed interior, 1641cc with single dellorto carb, California import, space needed for other VW's hence it's cheap - £1995. Contact Andy - 01908 231278



A Hebmüller... In a farm... In England... APRIL FOOL!!!

Letter to the Editor

Sir,
I seen that there advert selling that Volksywagen thingy. I think that Mr Eieio is a crook. That ain't no Volksywagen he's selling thats one of them Hebbymullered kit car things. I heard those cars was so bad that the people who made them burnt down the factory so they didn't have to make them anymore.

Now, if he wants to sell a proper tool, I'll buy that ol' trailer sat next to his Hebbymullered. At least I'll get loads of my ol' daddy's moonshine in that.

You can talk to me at The Old Barn Farm, 4th road on the left and shame on you Mr Editor for letting him put that terrible car in your magazine.

Cleetus Redneck 23rd

Off with a BANG

It's come around to that time of year when the sun starts to shine and the show season is starting to kick off.

With the first show in may (3rd to 6th) being Big Bang at Santa Pod, which includes the Street Car Shootout on Saturday, if you bring your driving licence along you can take your car down the strip. The Volkswagen Drag Racing Club Championships are on the Sunday and finally, show 'n' shine on the Monday along with more VW racing. Oh and must not forget the jet cars!

Then (5th) Stanford Hall 2002 at Lutterworth, Leicestershire. This classic VW show is a complete contrast to Big Bang. Including a large Swapmeet, trade area and concours show 'n' shine with some of the best classic Volkswagens.

The club will meet at the cricket ground on Saturday (4th) at 9.00am for the usual club convoy up to Santa Pod with tents packed ready for an evening of barbecues, alcohol and cameras. Sunday (5th) the club will then take a cruise up to stanford Hall from Big Bang for a nice quiet day away from the noise of drag racing. Giving those with delicate heads time to recover before the club heads back to Big Bang for a second night, ready for more drag racing on Monday (6th).



Kev takes to the track in his bus at The Big bang



Watch those Nuts - and bolts man!



Two happy big bangers



Stanford Hall...

There will also be a separate convoy from MK to Stanford Hall on Sunday, meeting at the Hockey Stadium at 9.00am, for those not going to Big Bang.

Important Note: Due to all this action we have moved the club meeting at The Barn to the MONDAY night instead of the Sunday.

Join us for as little or as much as you like, one day, two or all three, camp or don't camp, VW or no VW. Just give Ian Matcalf a call on 01908 605831 to let us know when you will be around. Or alternatively just sit back and laugh at the pictures in the next newsletter.



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NOTE: CLUB MEETING MONDAY 6TH MAY

Hi Folks

I'm going to kick off this (hopefully) regular column of ramblings by introducing myself to the many of you who probably haven't a clue who I am.



As of this month I have taken over the role of chairman of your club. This was by default as I was the only one daft enough to volunteer!!

My 'qualifications'? I've been involved with the Vee-Dub scene since buying my first Beetle as a cheap runaround and attending Bug Jam in 1988. Since then I've gone through a few Beetles and a couple of Beach Buggies, which are more my thing, the last of which I had for 11 years. 1997 saw a few of us get together with the intention of starting a club in the MK area. Of the original gang only myself, Anto (Treasurer) and Sayed (a previous Chairman) are left. Originally I was Membership Secretary and have also been Liaison Officer.

Over the years I've built a number of cars for myself and have been involved in the build up and maintenance of many cars for other people. At the moment I'm in the process of building another show buggy but with the aim to drag race it as well, so don't beat me too much if you see me turn up in my 'other' car a Ford Scorpio... I know, I'm really sorry but I'm fed up with walking everywhere!!

The idea of this column each month is to dedicate it to nothing more elaborate than my inane thoughts, ideas, suggestions etc, but any comments you may have are always gratefully received (without being too rude please!!). Feel free to contact any of the committee members any time should you have any ideas for the club.

See you next month

Ian

Question Time

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill in one of our questionnaires, about 22% of you did and here are some of the results: All those who responded were frequent visitors to club meetings at the Barn with 50% going every month and 50% at least 6 times a year. The Barn also scored 80% as a suitable meeting place and Sunday got 80% as the best evening.

Most of the shows seem very popular with VW Action getting 100% attendance and Stonor, Stanford hall and BVF getting 80%. Bowling and the Christmas meal seem a dead cert this year each getting 100% with a treasure hunt being least popular with 50%. More Club Merchandise and discounts seem to be called for, so please grab yourself a club tee shirt at The Barn for starters! 80% would consider writing for this newsletter & 80% would like their car featured so feel free to start writing.

Most people found out about the club by word of mouth, don't use their VWs as their main car and give the Club 80% as an overall score. Ofcourse, these figures only reflect 22% of club members - so who knows what the other 78% of you think! Malc

What's on...

May 4th-6th
Big Bang
Santa Pod Raceway

Sunday May 5th
Stanford Hall 2002
Near Lutterworth, Leicester

MONDAY May 6th
Roundabout VW Club Meeting
The Barn, Milton Keynes
(Moved to MONDAY so you can camp at Big Bang if you want to!)

Saturday 1st-3rd June
Run to the Sun
Newquay, Cornwall

Sunday June 2nd
Roundabout VW Club Meeting
The Barn, Milton Keynes

New Members

This month the committee would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Chris Ballard, Mandy Bradwell, Louise & Steven Neilson and their 1972, blue bay window camper.



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It's time to start running



Run to the Sun is entering its 15th year and has grown into the largest Custom Car and VW festival since its conception.

Its official home is at Trevelgue Holiday Park in Newquay, Cornwall.

When the festival was launched 15 years ago in 1987, seventy cars turned up but it has continued to grow each year. Now thousands of car enthusiasts from across the UK and beyond travel to Newquay to indulge in this annual festival which attracts somewhere in the region of 80-100,000 visitors each year.

If you choose to camp at Trevelge Holiday Park (£60 per person from Friday for the 3 nights) the price includes free admission to all on site entertainment. That's 3 arena's with a mix of entertainment from mainstream dance, live indie, comedy, to the main arena. For the complete clubbing experience the main arena brings you three nights of the world's top DJs, visual performers, laser shows and the longest bar you've ever seen!

This years Show "n" Shine has £3000 in prize money! Categories include the Spirit of the Show and of course the pick of the best VW's and Hotrods. There's still just time to book yourself into a B&B if you can't stand the thought of camping (We're booked into The Narrowcliff Hotel - a short walk to the pubs!)

Just remember: "safety in numbers" so if you're planning to make the trip (and it is a trip) come along with us on Saturday morning and we'll all stand around and have a good laugh when you break down! Contact me if you need any more info on convoy or hotel details. **Malc**

Trevelgue Holiday Park, Tel. 01637 851851
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Beetle Handling

Everything you ever wanted to know about beetle door handles but were too scared to ask!



1945 to 1955
The first beetle doorhandles had a flat shaped handle, pulling this handle opens the door. The inside mecanisum was hook shaped.



1956 to 1959
This was the same as above but a ridge was added to the outside of handle. Also the hook shaped mecanisum was changed to a flatter design.



**1960 to 1964 US models
1960 to 1966 Euro models**
An entirely new design was introduced and featured a square push button to open the door. The 1960 handle was slightly different as the keyhole rested vertically when in neutral. The inside mecanisum had a flat plate with a central sliding bar.



1964-1966 us models
The outside of the handle is the same as above, but the inside was slightly different and had an additional paddle added.



1966 to 1967
Another entirely new design was introduced, the square push button was changed to a round push button. The inside mecanisum used a smaller paddle and was positioned in the opposite direction.



1968 to 1979
Yet another entirely new design was introduced. The push button was replaced with a trigger to open the door. The inside had a pin shaped device which replaced the paddle.

That's all Volks! World



Nice day for it! Another season begins, as usual, with the Volksworld Show, which always takes place at Sandown Park in Esher, just inside the M25.

It's the largest indoor show in Europe and it's the best way to get all wet and excited about each upcoming season. If you haven't been, you must, if you've been to heaps you'll know that it's a good place to pick up on the themes for the year, including the star cars that you'll bump into all over the country this Summer.

The big trend I picked up on this year was 'Hotrod'. There's this striking flamed Ghia that most of you will have seen in the magazines and last year's shows, and a few others including a Beetle with matt black paint, red walled tyres and blue glass, a very new look and well received. If you're approaching the end of a two year German-looker project, sack it!

There were a few fundamental changes to the show over previous years including the opening up of a third level to allow space to cram in even more traders and cars, but it also meant that the crew at Volksworld could set up a conference area for technical seminars such as John Meyer on fat engines, a great idea I thought. I popped up to have a listen but it was lost on me; all that 'Sayed-talk' about the importance of balancing their rods and weighing their large ends! Boys will be boys.

So I wandered outside to the BMX stunt bike display for some no-brainer action. Now in my experience these affairs are normally either really good or utter Y-fronts and I haven't seen a good one since No Worries '96, when they flew them over from the States - no wonder that festival went bust! Anyway, the riders were pulling off a few dull bits and bobs and I was about to get back to the cars, when I saw one of the riders take a massive run up and left the ramp at serious speed, completing an immaculate horizontal 360 (with tuck) way up in the air. Redeemed or



what! Then it all went off and the whole team really started pushing out a great performance. Scary thing: no padding or helmets!

Back to the dubs, did anyone see the V8 bay window? Pimpmobiletastic! Big Rover block, low as you like, bar, TV, and woofers the size of Lassie! Naturally, I had a sniff 'round the Ghias to check out the competition (though they'll probably all be in the scrappy by the time...). A perfect, slightly modified convertible was my favourite but the coupe that turns green or purple depending on how you look at it was a real crowd puller too.



What else? For the rev heads among us there was last year's show winner, the Rathbone racer, which looked faster than it made sense, and one of those full on drag racers where the engine resembles a pot noodle, and the wheels and tyres at the back look like they could take over the world whereas the front wheels were pathetic enough to deserve Raleigh block brakes. 0-200 MPH in 8 seconds, that'll be quick then. A tricky one this, the purists will shoot me for commenting I'm sure, but how cool were the Fiat 500's? Not the most prestigious of marques, and five million Italians can be wrong, but, in my defence, they were sporting VW engines, honest. Drag strip Cinquecentos, cool or what? Engines so big they were barely inside the car, fat slicks, stingers and anti-wheely bars. I want one! What a treat it would be to see these two battle it out down the quarter-mile strip at Bug Jam.



Another car that scared me was a race prepared Porsche 914. Putting my Peter Storm on for a moment, did anyone see the labyrinth of plumbing on this car: Formula One-style air vent poking up on the roof, and manifolds that were a work of art?

That pretty much wraps up the show, I hope those that went enjoyed it as much as I did. Next stop Run To The Sun! Now, does anyone know where I'll find the local Fiat dealer?!

Jez

