

## NEWS



## LETTER

**Attn: CVVC Members,  
Event has been Scheduled:**

See the calendar page for info.  
on the Great Community Cookout  
Auto Show

## Letter from the CVVC

We would like to start off by apologizing for the lateness of this after show newsletter. Just as computers help our daily lives, they can also complicate it. Our computer crashed not just once but twice causing in the delay of the CVVC news. Better late than never though right?

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual show in one form or another. Everyone involved plays a big part in making it successful.

We cannot stress enough our appreciation of all our show sponsors and the CVVC is devoted to patronizing and supporting our sponsors long after the show has come and gone. Without these fantastic people our show would not be able to happen. We will do everything we can to give back and support their kind generosity. We also cannot forget all of those businesses that donated fantastic door prizes and Clear Channel Radio for their great advertising.

Of course you cannot have a show without all the great VW's to adorn the show grounds. We had a wide variety this year of fabulous VW's. There were quite a few VW's that were new to our show this year accompanied by those we remember from previous years.

We once again awarded the top winners with custom designed framed certificates along with Best of Show, both water & air cooled. We also had the return of the cookout after the Friday night cruise. This seems to be a popular part of our weekend event and we proved this by the record amount of cars this year. We hope to continue this tradition for as long as people want it.

Thanks to all of you that turned in your CVVC show evaluation sheets and shared with us your comments and

ideas so that we can give you the kind of show that you want to return to for years to come. If you did not have the opportunity to turn your comment sheet in, we would still love to hear from you. We would appreciate any ideas and comments from all of you that attended. You can email us at [cwwwclub@yahoo.com](mailto:cwwwclub@yahoo.com) or you can mail your comment sheets to CVVC, E2965 Willow Road, Eleva, WI 54738.

We hope that the rest of the 2009 VW season is a pleasant one and we hope to see you at the 12th Annual CVVC Show next June.

Sincerely,

*Danny Simmons*



## CVVC 11th Annual Car Show & Swap 2009 *by Pat Sills*

The Chippewa Valley Volkswagen Club held its 11th annual car show and swap meet at the Eau Claire Expo Center on Saturday, June 20, 2009. This event proved to be one of the best shows we've had in a few years with 60 cars registered.

In addition, a record 29 Volkswagens took part in the traditional cruise the previous night. As always, this was followed by a campout and picnic supper on the show grounds. Once again, Al Curry served as Master of Ceremonies while Terri Jorstad took charge of the children's activities. My daughter Maggie was unable to help out this year due to a soccer tournament. Hopefully in the following years, this tournament won't be scheduled on the same weekend as our show. The CVVC managed to raise \$441.00 for the Big Brother/Big Sister Program through donations at the gate and the popular valve drop game as well as donations for raffle tickets for a chance to win a few really cool radio-controlled VW Buses.

Although some familiar faces from the past were notably missing, we were pleasantly surprised to see many new participants at this year's event. As a matter of fact, 8 new members signed up! Naturally, the customary Beetles

dominated the scene, but there were Buses, Vanagons, a Eurovan, Karmann Ghias, Golfs, Jettas, New Beetles, and even a few Things to round out the eclectic variety of show cars. If you've heard what happened to me on our pilgrimage to Effingham, Illinois, then you'll know that I was forced to enter my 2007 Passat as my sole show car this year. For the first time since I've attended this show as a participant, my car did not make into the Top 25. This was to be expected, for although all Volkswagens are awesome, 2007 Passats have a ways to go before becoming as legendary as a Split Window Beetle or a meticulously-maintained Ghia.

The weather was sunny and around 85 degrees. The occasional cloud passing by served to cool us off from time to time. I wisely protected my face from the ravages of the sun's ultraviolet radiation, but failed to protect my neck; which has finally healed some two weeks later as I write this. Perhaps some day, I'll learn. Who knows?

We would like to thank our sponsors as well as those devoted club members who worked hard to put everything together.

## Diamond in the Rough *by Carrie Simmons*

With all the fabulous VW's that were on display at the CVVC annual show, it may have been easy to pass this car by assuming it was a swap car and not take a closer look. With this assumption you may not have even given it a second glance if you were not in the market for such thing. If you had taken a closer look you would have found that this is work in progress and if you were one of those folks that did not pay much notice to this vehicle, you may want to take notice in the future. This Ghia Dragster is being built by Terry Kufner, a long time attendee at the CVVC's annual show. Terry plans to have this car completed soon and plans to run his first drag race at the Rock Falls track sometime in September. We look forward to seeing this exciting VW event in the near future. So look out Herbie, there just may be another famous Volkswagen in the VW racing scene. Good Luck Terry!



## The CVVC Supports Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin

Each year the CVVC selects a charity to make a contribution to and this year the proceeds from spectator entrance donations and select prize entries went to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. We are proud to announce that we raised \$441 for this fabulous establishment that provides opportunities to many children.

Donation jars were set up at the gate for spectators to donate as they entered the show. Donation jars were also set up by the announcer booth for a chance to win two different VW Bus remote control/MP3 players and a large orange Herbie Fully Loaded remote control VW Bus. These prize items were donated by the CVVC.

We are very proud and grateful of all the folks that bought tickets for this worthy cause and congratulate all the winners.





# C.U.V.C. 11th Annual Car Show Results



## Best of Show Air-Cooled

Denny Dobson - 1972 Super Beetle

## Best of Show Water-Cooled

Joel Peterson - 2007 GLI Jetta



*Hippie Duck 500 Rubber Duck Race.*



*The Valve Drop provided a fun challenge again this year with the proceeds going to Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin*



*To show our appreciation for Clear Channel Radio's support we displayed their banner VW Style.*

## Top 25 Voted Cars

Bob & Jacki Tudahl - 1957 - Beetle  
 Art Stirneman - 1967 Beetle  
 Chad Linaman - 1955 Type I Beetle  
 Mary Eversman - 1973 Tye-Dye Super Beetle  
 Robert Bratcher - 1964 Beetle  
 Howard Rorrer - 1966 Beetle  
 Denny Dobson - 1972 Super Beetle  
 Jerry Donney - 1974 Thing  
 Wayne Bauer - 1974 Ghia  
 Al Schwahn - 1974 Ghia  
 Ryan Endres - 1958 Beetle  
 Dick Mickle - 1978 Westy Bus  
 Tim Schiefelbein - 1971 Campmobile  
 Carl Parnow - 1971 Super Beetle Rat Rod  
 Gary & Micki Salzgeber - 1969 Baja Beetle  
 Stuart Dodge - 1979 Super Beetle  
 Barry Lindahl - 1965 Beetle  
 Travis Misterek - 1974 Beetle  
 Susan Hanson - 1960 Beetle  
 Jeff & Vicky Zalatoris - 1966 EZ Camper  
 Peder Parizek - 1968 Baja Beetle  
 Henry Zwiefelhofer - 2000 Golf  
 Neil Wienbergen - Bugatti Replica  
 Stephanie Peterson - 1997 Jetta  
 Jeff & Maricel Hutton - 1959 Dune Buggy

## Most Miles Traveled

Robert Cummings - 1970 Bus  
 Phoenix, Arizona (2000 miles!)

*We most sincerely hope that we have not made any errors. If we have, please contact us at the address located in this newsletter & accept our apologies.*



*Terri Jorstad provided exciting games and challenges again this year for the young VW lovers.*



*The popular "Paint the Bus" produced another great work of art again this year.*



*Steve Bateman returned this year providing his humorous and talented caricature art bringing fun to all.*



## Mid America Funfest, Effingham, IL 2009 *by Carrie Simmons*

On Saturday, June 6, Mid-America Motorworks held their annual FunFest for Air-Cooled Volkswagen. Larry and I were accompanied by Bob and Jackie Tudahl and Pat Sills in Effingham, IL for the big event. Unfortunately, Pats mechanical breakdown prevented him from attending the show. At the show we also ran into several other CVVC club members that made the trip to the event. The show was celebrating Mid-America's 35 year anniversary. In celebration of Herbie the Love Bug's 40th anniversary, Mid-America also had a special area for all of the Herbie replica's. This special area also displayed a few original Herbie movie cars that are currently owned by Mid-America Motorworks. Larry and I especially enjoyed this special celebration of Love Bugs and had our newly acquired Herbie on display.



## Minnesota Bug-In, June 7 2009 *by Pat Sills*

On Sunday, June 7, the 22nd annual Minnesota Bug-In was held at Luther's Westside Volkswagen dealership in St. Louis Park. Larry and Carrie Simmons, Bob and Jackie Tudahl, and Yours Truly attended the show. None of us got much sleep prior to driving the 100 or so miles to this event because we had just returned from Effingham, Illinois at around 1:00 A.M. that same morning. In addition, I had just experienced the debacle with my 1969 Beetle, and had to tow it 500 miles home behind a 24-ft beast from Budget Truck Rental on a dolly, so I wasn't in the most jovial of moods to begin with.

Needless to say, I had no choice but to enter my 2007 factory-stock Passat in the show. I knew that no trophies would be coming home with me unless my car happened to be the only one in its class entered; thus resulting in the old "winning by default" scenario. This was confirmed rather matter-of-factly as I pulled onto the lot and one of the Minnesota club members said, "You can't park that in here! This is for show cars only!" I responded by telling him it WAS for the show, to which he replied, "Oh, okay." Nonetheless, the look on his face said it all: He's gotta be kidding, right?

It had been a while since any of us from the CVVC had attended this event. Since the Bug-In is now held on the same weekend as the Mid-America show in Effingham, this creates a bit of a conflict, but we figured that since it had been at least two or three years since we were last here, it would be a nice gesture to show up.

The skies were quite overcast and temperatures were a little cool. We arrived shortly after registration began. CVVC President Larry Simmons entered a 1963 Herbie Beetle he had recently purchased in California after he and Carrie's brother Brad flew there one way and drove the car back to Wisconsin. Vice-President Bob Tudahl entered his freshly done 1957 Custom Beetle. Incidentally, both of these respective VW's also appeared in Effingham the previous day. Unfortunately, nobody from our side of the St. Croix received any trophies.

On one of our last trips to Minnesota prior to our return in 2009, we had learned that the water-cooled

VW owners had split off from the air-cooled crowd, and this was still sadly obvious as we witnessed perhaps 4 or 5 water-cooled VW's there, and that included mine. Otherwise, the usual assortment of classic Beetles, Buses, and Ghias were on hand. Interestingly, there were a couple of VW's there that you don't see every day. A few Eurovans were converted into Class B motorhomes back in the 1990's and early 2000's by the Winnebago Company. These rather rare campers were known as Rialtas and cost around \$20,000-\$30,000 in addition to the van itself to convert during their heyday.

Once the awards were announced, we departed Luther's and soon discovered that the road construction on 394 prevented us from exiting to I-94. We each had to drive through parts of downtown Minneapolis to find our way back east. Don't ask me how, but I ended up way out by the airport before I figured out where I was!

In future years, we tentatively plan to alternate between attending the Minnesota Bug-In and the Funfest for Beetle down in Effingham; depending on what the shows will feature. Whichever destination we choose, we welcome all CVVC members to join us. Remember what they say. The more, the merrier.



# 2009 CALENDAR OF SHOWS/EVENTS

*This is a list of events in Wisconsin & surrounding areas. As much as we would like, the CVVC cannot attend all of these and it is just a list for your reference. Because things often change without our knowing you should always check with the event organizers to confirm all the details. Also this listing will change every issue with updates and additions to the list. Contact us if you have an event that we have missed. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THIS LIST EVERY ISSUE FOR UPDATES.*



**Indicates that this is NOT a CVVC event but some club members may be attending**



**Indicates that this is a scheduled CVVC event**

*(More club activities will be posted as club volunteers plan and set up cruises/activities)*

✿ August 20, 2009: Great Community Cookout Auto Show - Menomonie, WI

✿ September 7, 2009: Ridgeland Labor Day Parade - Ridgeland, WI

• September 12, 2009: Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI

✿ September 20, 2009- Oktoberfest All German Car Show - Chippewa Falls, WI

• September 26 - 27, 2008: Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show - Jefferson, WI [www.jeffersonswapmeet.com](http://www.jeffersonswapmeet.com)

✿ October ??, 2009: CVVC Fall Cruise details to come later

• October 10, 2009: Fall Swap Meet & Low Speed Autocross at Mid America Motorworks - Effingham, IL [www.800luvbugg.com](http://www.800luvbugg.com)

**REMINDER:** *As we announced back in April, only a few select club outings will be planned in advance by the club. Those few include the Annual Car Show, Ridgeland Labor Day Parade, Oktoberfest and the Annual Fall Cruise. All other additional club activities & cruises during the VW season will be planned by volunteering club members. So far we have not had any events planned by volunteers. If anyone is planning something, please contact us so that we can get the information out to the club.*

# Great Community Cookout AUTO SHOW

Thursday, August 20th  
4 pm – 10 pm

The CVVC has been invited to attend the AUTO SHOW that takes place during the Great Community Cookout in Menomonie Wisconsin. Enjoy a fun filled evening with live music, The Ultimate Burger Cookoff, local food vendors, variety of craft beers and also kinds activities from 4-10 p.m.

All autos will be judged and People's Choice Award will be given to the top auto.

*(Our club will treat this as a CVVC event. Hope to see you all there.)*

## Join us for the 4th Annual OKTOBERFEST German Auto-Schau

Sunday, Sept. 20th  
11am – 2pm



The CVVC will once again plan to attend the All German Car Show as one of our club events

The 4th Annual GERMAN AUTO-SCHAU in conjunction with the Chippewa Falls Oktoberfest. will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 11-2 (the grounds are open until 4). Last year they had over 50 cars. The show is held in Chippewa Falls , WI at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds.

This year, like in the past, the car and driver get in to Oktoberfest FREE. Children also get free admission on Sunday. Guests will pay \$8. The drive-in is scheduled from 10 -11.

Oktoberfest will be in its third day on Sunday. There will be 3 tents with live music, a family fun building and loads of authentic German food to eat. The Leinenkugel Brewery and Lodge will be open on Sunday for tours. Jake Leinenkugel will be on the grounds viewing the cars and signing autographs.

Come join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon. Check out the Oktoberfest event schedule at [www.chippewachamber.org](http://www.chippewachamber.org)



## NEXT ISSUE

With so much to report in this issue we ran out of room for the conclusion of Kirk Jacobson's article about his travels to Alaska in a VW Bus. Look for the final chapter of his adventure in the next issue.

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