



The Dip Stick

A Newsletter For Air-cooled & Water-cooled Volkswagen Enthusiasts

November, December 2011 & January 2012 Edition

Club President Note

Well where has the last two months gone, with this our second news letter for the year.

As we hope to produce this every two months we do need your support ie club profiles, car restoration updates or any helpful mechanical tips to help our editor make this happen.

As Christmas is getting close this news letter is to cover us till Feb 2012 where the two monthly cycle will begin again. Our Web site has been upgraded and improved with access shortly for you all to enjoy, I will keep you informed.

We have had a range of events which included a trip to Akaroa, Car rally to Oxford and October Fest which were all great events and thank you to all the Folks that took the time to participate. The next Club event is the trip to Westport on the 11th-13th Nov (show weekend), Club night at Zeroes will be on 30th Nov, the last for this yr, starting again on the 25th Jan 2012.

The Club Christmas Family BBQ will be held on the 4th December at Spencer Beach Holiday Park, Heyders Road, Spencerville starting at 11am WET or FINE.

Thank you to all those that have paid their Subs, I know this is new but we need this small amount of funding to operate the club and run enjoyable events that caters not just for our individual members but all family members.

Also thank you to all of the members that have helped me over the past year which has been one to remember in one way or another and on behalf of the committee and myself we wish you all a great Christmas and a better New Year.

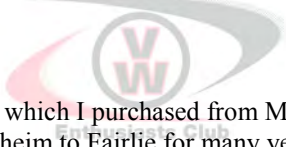
Happy Dubbing.

Ivan

Ivan Ashby - Club President

Events Calendar

- **November**
Friday to Monday - Annual Coast to Coast Run (To Westport) - more info to follow
11th — 14th
Wednesday 30th - Club night at Zeroes from 7pm [final for the year]
- **December**
Sunday 4th - Club Christmas Event - at Spencer Park Holiday Park - more info to follow
Not to be missed - family fun and sun!!!
- **January 2012**
No Club events organised
- **February 2012**
New club calendar to be released



Club Member Profile

Glenis & Peter Taylor

Glenis's first beetle was an Aussie assembled 1964 - 1200 [98,000 miles] which I purchased from McKendry Motors in Blenheim. It was a wee beauty and I regularly drove the car from Blenheim to Fairlie for many years.

Six volt headlights in the winter and a great heater, it sounded beautiful driving through the 'Hundalees'. I used to wind the window down to listen to the wee engine going through the geave hanges!!

My daily driver now is a 1969 - 1500 beetle and she was one of the few cars out early am in the mid August snowfall in Christchurch, before the roads were graded. Like the ad says from yesteryear, "have you ever wondered how teh snowplough driver gets to his snowplough?"

Peter's first beetle was an 1955 Oval with a broken crankshaft, another engine was fitted and the car was later traded for a 1970 beach buggy with a blown motor. Peter fitted a 1600 industrial engine and used the buggy fro some years on the old Lake Ohau ski field road. In the 70's Peter was building a single horse float and was going to cut the roof off of a Splitscreen Kombi but decided to make a double float instead!!!

Peter now drives a 1971 Dormobile Kombi which was purchased after following the Kombi's around on the 60th Anniversary tour, Easter 2010.

It is great to be members of the Canterbury VW Club and meet other members also passionate about their Volkswagens. We had a truly amazing time on the Anniversary Kombi tour and met some lovely people.



1970 1500 Beetle & 1600 Fuel In-jected German assy Beetle



1966 Aussie ass 1300 56,000 miles & 1960 Beryl Green Beetle in Background

Michelle Withers

I have always been around VWs from school days to owning a 1959 Kombi in my early twenties. After returning from work in the UK, it was time to get my dream vehicle again. I went onto Trademe 51/2 years ago & the next day I had Floss - a 1969 Devon Torvette.

She gets a lot of looking after & I enjoy organising her upgrades aiming to keep her as original or retro as I can - with the exception of the sound system which is fairly detachable! I have used her for weddings, work, holidays & I have told Mum when she needs the ultimate hearse I am there - she is only 63 & fit as so I will be holding onto the Kombi for a long time.

I simply love my Kombi for the functionality it has, the people & conversations it brings & especially the smiles it puts on children's faces.



Dave Finnie

My involvement with Volkswagens began when I was at high school in Dunedin in the late 1960's, when I purchased a 1959 VW van from a local bakery – and Volkswagens have featured in my life ever since. From this followed other type 2's, including a deluxe split screen bus (which I bought in Chch) then a few beetles, before I became hooked on the later type 3 then type 4 Variant models because of their large (in VW terms) interior space and room for a big dog.

Although it is my over-riding preference is to own old Volkswagens which retain their original condition, I have been known to indulge in some serious kiwi modifying to two different models which I still own, one of which (a transporter) has become my daily driver in the last 12 months.

Despite still owning some of the type 3 and type 4 models, in recent years my serious VW addiction has reverted to the transporter models and in particular Westfalia campers, which have provided an incredible amount of fun for my partner Penny and myself.

This addiction has also seen me amass a large collection of air-cooled VW brochures, books, manuals, die-cast models and a range of other VW paraphernalia, with some of these items now being rare.

I have been a member of the Otago VW Club since the 1980's and for a number of years of the Canterbury Club also, and since its inception, our local club, the Central South.

This interest has led me to being involved in many of the NZ VW Nationals, visiting overseas VW shows, and many of the VW factories in Germany.

From this we have developed an extensive number of very good friends in both NZ and overseas countries, particularly in the USA and Germany, with many of these friendships have developed through the internet, but that is another lot of stories.

In the late 1990's Penny and I shifted to Oamaru and we now live on the outskirts of the town where we share our 5 acres with a number of VW's, and other VW fans at our VW Oktoberfest each Labour weekend.

If you are in our part of the island any time please look us up, our place is real easy to find.





Club Committee Profile

Betty and Brian Hazeldine

We are a couple of classic car lovers having owned a few over our years including an Austin Healey 100/6, Mg's, a Porsche 356, TR2 and TR3, Daimler Dart, Karmann Ghia but we have had our present VW 1979 Cabriolet for 20 years which we bought of the original owner and will never part with.

We have had other V Dubs over the years but this is our dream car. We decided to get a new one a few years ago to keep it company. Both are black and look great together.



Club Event Article - Akaroa Cruise

Sunday 11th September

With the weather against us as it was cold and looking like rain, four Vans and two Beetles took off from the Halswell School to Little River. It must have been the day that all the electrical problems were going rear their ugly head. By the time we got to Little River one of our new members John and Lynda Ponting had had to change a set of points, as well as another new member Kalley and Jo Simpson were not able to risk going over the hill to Akaroa so turned back to Christchurch at Little River after having coffee. With being shook about with another good aftershock, it was not Jeff Thompson's day either as he had to have a push start to get going to start the run over the hill.

With a pleasant run over the hill and then lunch with the weather not improving and a tow start for Jeff, Rob and he returned to Christchurch while I went to find John and Lynda who were still having trouble and at the end of the day the AA came to the rescue after which we travelled back to ChCh together. It was a very eventful trip but also very enjoyable as it gives you time to know your fellow VW'ers. - Ivan



Club Members News And Recent Happenings - In Brief

- No news or updates supplied from club members

Please feel free to send through a brief update on your current projects or new additions to the garage. This will be a great way for club members to hear what is happening.

Club Event Article - Men's Shed Association Rally — Oxford

Sunday 2nd October

Being an early arrival at the Yaldhurst Pub car park, I enjoyed watching the arrival of many different classes of vehicles and meeting their owners. We all looked forward to an enjoyable cruise through a lush Canterbury landscape on a sunny spring morning, taking some of the less well trodden paths, winding our way through the gorge and into Oxford, with the odd one missing a turn and having to back track (including your truly).

On arrival into Oxford show grounds we parked around the oval and went through to the town centre, picking up raffles to support the Men's Shed Association and chats with Volkswagen owners living out west, including the local constable. Oxford had put on a gala for the weekend , including live music and performances by school groups and local entertainers. With many stalls and the local farmers market, selling their wares this is where I met up with my wife for lunch who was torn between VW cruising and watching our grandson at the fanzone in Hagley park.

A busy but enjoyable day so far, our next port of call was to Cust to visit the Bellworthy's for a BBQ and a look around their collection of cars and planes. Being 8-10 cars and 6 or so planes of which the cars had been lovingly restored or modified and the planes which were hand made or restored by Even, his father and sons, a true family affair. They talked us through the many different processes of restoration along the way, giving a historic overview of each different plane, with a flying demo of the lovely VW powered plane. Which was for many of us has the same motor as our cars or vans being a 1660 cc twin port, found in beetles and Kombi's. It was flown with no more effort, no more drama than we would put into driving out our driveway and going down the motor-way.

All this was taking in with a sausage in one hand and a drink in the other, provided by our hosts Penny and Evan. Thanks must go to the organisers of the Shed Run, also to Penny, and Evan for opening their Aladdin's shed (hanger) and giving us their time.

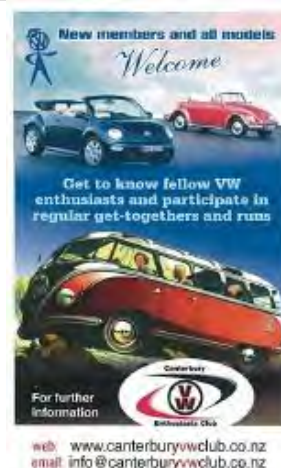
From us all a big thanks you for a most enjoyable day - Regards Maureen and Phil Uprichard

**Club Promotional Card and Flyer**

The Committee decided that if we really wanted to put the club back on the map then we needed to become more active and market the club across all VW models.

Achieving this strategy is a long term approach and will come at a cost to the club as funds permit but as passionate Volkswagen enthusiasts the attached card/flyer design was created.

The card is the size of a business card and is intended to be placed under car window wipers and the flyer to be placed on notice boards throughout Christchurch. Please contact Ivan your a supply of cards to distribute and if you know of a notice board or business that would let the club place a flyer would be great.



Club Christmas Family BBQ



Date: Sunday 4th December
 Time: 11am to mid afternoon
 Location: Spencerpark Camping Ground - wet or fine
 RSVP Required: To Ivan by Wednesday 30th November

BBQ supplied by the Club
 Play ground
 Family activities and games



Club Event Article - Octoberfest

Labour Weekend

We arrived at Dave and Penny's at Weston later than planned on the Saturday of Labour Weekend after some condenser issues had slowed departure. But we arrived to a warm welcome and Ivan in charge of the BBQ, a couple of salads were produced from the Kombi's and a drink in hand and all was good.

Saturday night was split between the BBQ and a quiz that was 1/2 VW knowledge and 1/2 general knowledge based on the Otago Daily Times over the week, all good fun and the outright winner was a local (and will set next years questions), all other major place getters were also presented with prizes. At this point the chimney was fired up and the team sat around the fire catching up.

Sunday saw us head off to Oamaru to enjoy the market plus the Steampunk artworks around town and then headed for Waimate to enjoy the street racing. The small community really has got behind the event with great layout, many stalls and around the pits area the local car club displays. The racing was against the clock but still plenty of tyre smoke, noise and the odd spinout.

Back to Dave and Penny's for before tea drinks in the sun around the Kombi, a combined tea and then we settled in for the Rugby. Monday morning and everybody packed and departing, a great camp ground and hosts. The trip home was at a steady pace, though a grey fog was with us until Ashburton, sun and nor-west for the remainder of the journey had Brett on his toes. - Evan





Photos & Funnies

