

Key Notes

June 2017



Serving Western New York VW Enthusiasts for *Thirty* Years!

EXECUTIVE COMMENTS by Barb Meinhold

To all my fellow Club family members:

Thank God for All my VW Family this past year and a-half. It's hard to believe how the time passes! I'm so grateful that the Lord continues to watch over me and lead me in different directions.

A bit about my past would be appropriate, as this is my First Official Written comment in the Club newsletter. In 1960 I joined the ranks of the employed at New York Telephone. I went to Kelly VW on Niagara Falls Blvd [didn't other club members work there "back in the day?" Ed.] and purchased a Green VW beetle (with my Dad's help \$\$). I had already known how to drive a stick-shift, so I discovered how to "rock" my way out of snowdrifts, change oil, wrap myself in a blanket to drive to work (as the heater took a while you know). Finally, on the day of my final car payment, I eagerly got in the car to roll down the window and the window crank fell off into my hand!

My next VW didn't last long - a tan VW Fastback (who knows where I found this??) I remember every time I went over a bumpy road, batteries fell out from under the dashboard. On a trip to Canada in a rainstorm, my driver's side windshield wiper flew off, never to be seen nor found again. Tough driving with your head out the window [we've all done that a few times, right? Ed].

Fun times! When I married Dick and he showed me his interest in VWs, you could say I had "some experience." He was delighted to know I could handle a stick shift (most of the time). I hated being stuck at a signal on any incline! I still do!

Saturday, August 19th will be the Club's Family Picnic, and we'll hang the rosaries and pray for sunshine!

This will probably be the last picnic at Tonawanda Creek Road. Pool is closed - so sorry. I plan on putting the house, etc. up for sale in the spring of 2018. I need to downsize. August 19th will be a good day to remember all the years we gathered for our picnic, with Scavenger hunt cruises, "Blind Rallies", Kids Games, Swimming, sawdust coin hunts, water Balloons, etc. But Mostly, a Good Friends Gathering!

Lastly, for the Women in this wondrous club, my biggest advice to all of you as your husbands or significant others head for the barn: GO OUT THERE and wander around. Learn the names and purpose of all those nuts, bolts, tools, gadgets, etc. and "DOWNSIZE" whenever he isn't looking!

Love to all ... Barb

My biggest fear is that when I die, my wife will sell my parts for what I told her I paid for them!

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The June meeting will be held on June 21, 2017. It's still at the Ship N' Shore in Lockport. Please come early to enjoy their great food with other club members and swap stories of the early cruising season.

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Coming Events

This information has been gathered from many sources. Before making any plans to attend any of these events, please confirm that the information is accurate, and that the event has not been changed or cancelled by contacting the website or phone number listed, or contact the editor.

Cruises:**Monday** - Lockport**Tuesday** - Pautlers**Wednesday** - Lancaster? Cancelled for May, no news for June yet**Thursday** - Akron**Saturday** - Olcott**June 8:** Akron Cruise - "Bugs and Brits" night. 6pm - 8pm.

June 11: Lima German Blossom Festival. Cruise from Flying J @ 9:30am. 11am - 7pm. \$5 per person donation or '92 or older German car. See Page 4 for more information.

June 11: 65th Annual Lake Erie Region AACA Car show. Elma Greens Park. 9am - 4pm.

June 11: British Car Club of WNY Euro Car Day. Angry Buffalo. 9am - 3:30pm.

June 14: Lake Erie Italian Club Summer Cruise. Lackawanna. 5:30pm - 9:30pm.

June 16 - 18: June Jitterbug. Watch for cruise info via email later in June.

June 18: Clutch Artists Father's Day Spring a rama. Variety Club, Lancaster.

June 21: Monthly meeting at Ship N' Shore at Lockport. @ 7pm. Come early to swap stories and break bread with fellow club members, plus support our wonderful hosts!

June 23: Northtown VW Special Cruise night. Williamsville. 5pm - 8pm.

June 24 - 25: Niagara Auto Swap Meet and Car Show. Lancaster.

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30th Anniversary Window Decals - Bob LaPorte

Beginning with our club's tenth anniversary, we regularly celebrated these milestones by offering for sale, some sort of club "trinket" for members to display on their VWs. The accompanying photos show The 10th and 15th anniversary license plate "tags" that were hand made in limited numbers and laser engraving on anodized aluminum. Only a few of these items show up on members cars today as most club members from that time have moved on.

This year we decided to go all out for our 30th and the club is going to offer a very enticing event on September 17th (more on this elsewhere in Keynotes). Concurrently it was also suggested to offer new window stickers to members. VWAOWNY has always been known for the Key logo derived from VWs early ignition key - hence the newsletter name "Keynotes". This year it seemed that variations on the KEY were played out, so we had some discussion about using the logo from the first WNY VW club, circa 1956 - 1976.

When VWAOWNY was formed in the summer of 1987, most the founding eight members had no knowledge of a previous local VW club and we coincidentally arrived at almost the exact same name. The first club was VW Club of WNY while we created the VW Association of WNY.

Eventually members of both clubs crossed paths, and today we are fortunate to have Al Schuessler who has been an important mentor and officer in both clubs for decades. When I asked V.P. Schuessler if he would be offended if we used the early club logo for our 30th anniversary he was thrilled with the suggestion and immediately gave his blessing!

In effect, we have roots in one of the oldest Volkswagen clubs in the USA! The only one older that I am aware of is the Volkswagen Club of America, circa 1955. Although we are not the same club that began over sixty years ago, we have similar interests, the same family values and thanks to the Schuessler and Federspiel families some of the same members.



Each club member in 2017 may have one free window sticker, but they will only be distributed at club events and meetings, so please see me for your 30th anniversary window decal. Yes, additional decals may be purchased for \$1.00 each until they are gone.

2017 German Blossom Festival

The FLRVWC, VAWWNY, and the Niagara PCA, are invited by the Rochester Touristen Verein (Rochester German Club) to display their vintage Volkswagens or Porsches under the trees at the RTV's 84th annual German Blossom Festival. This is a traditional German spring festival, with authentic German food, beer, fantastic homemade desserts, and musical entertainment. FREE parking and admission for club participants if you display your VINTAGE German car. It is advisable to bring a lawn chair to relax in the shade and your favorite beer stein!

Event Date: Sunday, June 11th

Meeting Time: At 10:30 AM we will gather and meet in the parking lot next to Don and Jennie Brown's historic Centennial Firehouse. At 11:15 AM we will depart from the firehouse and caravan over to the RTV Blossom Fest event site.

Centennial Firehouse Location: 7315 E Main St, Lima, NY 14485 (The firehouse is located on the northeast corner of SR 5 & 20 and 15A (Rochester Street) and is across the street from the American Hotel)

Music provided by: The German American Musicians with special performances by:

The Germania Singers

Eagle Gymnastics

The Rochester Schwaben Verein Folk Dancers

Erik Schwarz

The Alphorn Society of Western NY

Camp Lima Blossom Fest Location:

2375 Pond Road, Lima NY 14485

Follow Factory Hollow Road South

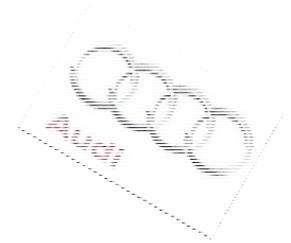
off SR 5 & 20 between Lima and West Bloomfield

Our club will cruise from The Flying J parking lot with a departure time of no later than 9:30AM! Arrive early if you need to empty out or fill up. Drive time is approximately one hour. **Remember that anyone can attend, but if you want to get in free, you must be in a VINTAGE German car 1992 or older!**

VAWWNY members: please RSVP to Bob & Agnes - busnutbob@gmail.com or 716-795-3569 by Saturday June 10 if you will attend this event - we need a car count.



The Volkswagen Association of WNY



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us!

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Coupon provided for a free ice cream to each car
entering!

Questions? Fran at 716-783-5426 or
Bob 716-795-3569



Classified Ads

For Sale: 1979 super parts! New tire on rim \$60. Two running boards ribbed rubber on them good shape (call for price). New muffler never used for 1600 engine. \$180. New boot for convertible top never used (tan) \$200, plus other small parts. Back lower seat (black) \$50 or offer. Inside door panels front and rear (black) \$50 or offer. Carpet under hood (black) new \$20. Call Don Baltes 649-4375 (September 2016)

For Sale: 1971 Super Beetle Convertible. Karmann badged. Very good condition. Rust-free, garaged year round. Bright yellow with custom yellow and black interior. Like new black top. New top boot. Great looking car. Front end lowered with custom wheels and tires. Strong runner. Recently rebuilt engine by Vince Harrington with less than 400 miles Engine mods include Weber progressive carb, Petronix ignition, glass pack muffler, Scat fan shroud. Oversized cylinders and pistons - 88's, mild cam-Engle, alternator. Includes many spares. Could be returned to stock if desirable. \$10,900.00 OBO George at 716-439-4162 N.Y. More pictures available on line. geonpruwithell@aol.com (July 2016)

For Sale: VW Rabbit 16V Convertible Project includes (2) VW Rabbit convertibles (1983 8V good shape, 1981 16V with rust issues), running/inspected, rebuilt 16V engine w/ stand, engine hoist, lot of new/used parts for converting the 8V. Everything needs to go. Asking \$2900 obo. Pictures available at United, talk to Howie. Call 689-9723, ask for Bill for more information (February 2016).

For Sale: I have one new Billet bumper for a 79 VW Super beetle, and one new fuel pump, never used, was tested, pressure was too low for my car. The company wouldn't take it back. Make a reasonable offer on both items, separate or together. Contact John at 716-622-2976 (February 2016)

For Sale: my ECP, The Eternal Cabrio Project. \$4000. It's a 1989 Cabrio with some modifications. Call or email me for details and a "look see". Vince Harrington 716-930-5686, zuwie41@yahoo.com (February 2016)

For Sale: 1979 Beetle convertible, original 18,600 miles unrestored. Excellent condition Silver with Black top. Asking \$22,500 OBO. Dennis Ketch Cell 716-535-6114 car is in Youngstown, NY email riverhousedd@hotmail.com (February 2016)

For Sale: VWAWNY Memorabilia, flags, badges, decals, medals, etc. See VWAWNY.com for full description and latest listings as well as special VW tools for loan to members. Contact Bob LaPorte 716-795-3569 or email Busnutbob@gmail.com

For Sale: Seatcovers, aftermarket patterns-usually plaid vinyl in the center, and solid vinyl around the edges. \$125 per car includes hogrings. Available for '65 Beetle (blue), '70 Beetle (black or red), Karmann-Ghia (orange), American cars with bench seats (1949-1980). Contact Ken Weinstein 716-689-6888 (nights) or e-mail KMW57@hotmail.com. (January 2016)

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