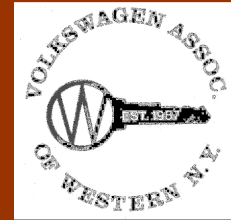


# Key Notes

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

### EXECUTIVE COMMENTS by Paul Williamson

As the Western New York show and cruise scene is winding down, it seems like those in the south and west are just starting up. However, with the recent natural disasters in Houston and Florida, as well as California's wildfires, it's difficult to imagine keeping our classic cars in an area with such routine threats. Those living in areas with a heavy chance of natural disasters have to deal with this regularly. In Buffalo, for instance, CBS news has ranked us as a "top 10" area in which to live for avoiding them. The snow is always a threat, but at least that is mostly predictable and manageable, with little concern of "surprise" issues.

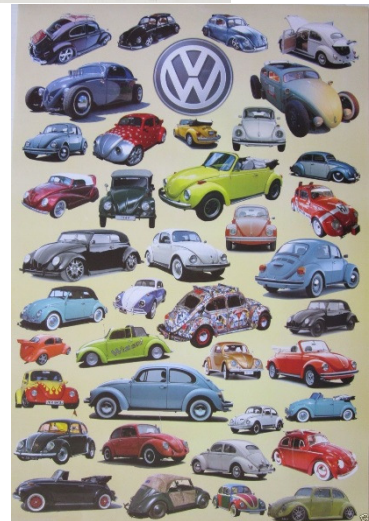
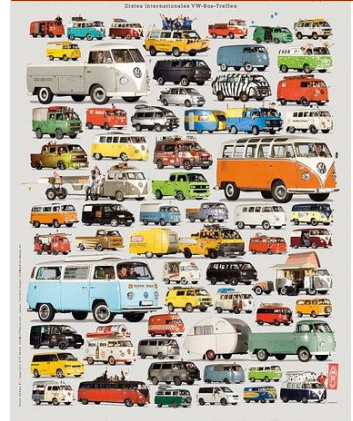
Now that the rush of summer activities is coming to a close, I thought it appropriate to comment on how this past summer seems to have been one of the most active summers for the club and its members in recent memories. There were so many cruises and shows happening, that Fran had to send out supplemental emails to help everyone keep up with the happenings in between newsletters!

As the temperatures begin to drop, and we start to see school buses on the road again, it is a reminder that not only does time continue marching on, but our vintage vehicles get closer to another year older. With this in mind, parts wear out and need to be replaced. Others are simply maintenance items that should be replaced before failure. Since the minor "rejuvenation" work on my 1973 Beetle was done, I've put almost 10,000 miles on it. I have driven it almost every day of the summer, more than I can remember doing in probably the past 10 years or more. I've driven to shows in North Carolina and Georgia in it, as well as some more local shows (like New Jersey and Virginia). I'm happy to report that all the work performed has held up well, and I'm looking forward to finally fixing the rear seat (upholstery job gone bad over 12 years ago). I've even obtained two 1973 only Beetle front seat frames and the associated mounts and plan to return to stock seats for the 2018 season.

I've also started cleaning out my basement full of parts. I've accumulated mostly water-cooled parts related to my 1991 Jetta GLI. I purchased it new, and drove it regularly until I was involved in an accident with my insurance agent (ironic, right?) and totaled. I've thought about buying another one, but I realize I'd rather go older and focus my attention on the 73, as well as a 1966 Double cab that has patiently waited for a much needed restoration. Oh, and there's another project that I'll probably start in November. More on that in a few months. Keep on Buggin'!

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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.

**September 20:** 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.

**Frequently visited websites**

Are you wondering how you'll spend your free time this winter, while thinking about what fun trips to plan for next year? Here is a list of VW and old car related websites to peruse:

<http://www.vwawny.org/Home> - Of course!

<https://www.thesamba.com/vw> - probably the most popular VW specific website on the internet. A wealth of information!

<https://bringatrailer.com/volkswagen> - drop the volkswagen to see all interesting cars. There are usually 4-5 VWs for sale here.

<http://www.vintagebusimport.com> – Source for importing classic VW Type 2 models of all ages.

<http://www.vwvortex.com> – General purpose VW (and related make) website

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## These Lost Chairs followed us Home



Recently we held the Family picnic at Barb Mienhold's home and we asked everyone to bring their lawn chairs. Well these two were left behind and they followed us home. Now we are trying to find the owners. If they belong to you would you contact Bill or Maureen Ellis at 716-694-9038, or [elliswr@roadrunner.com](mailto:elliswr@roadrunner.com). We have three sets of chairs and we really don't need another set.

*Let's Party, it's been*

**30 YEARS!**



The Volkswagen Association of Western New York was started in 1987 by a few brave souls. That means we've been active for 30 years and the club has decided to celebrate this milestone with a party.

The date was September 17 with dinner scheduled for 6 PM. There was also a cruise from the South towns up to the restaurant in East Amherst.

The dinner was paid for by the club - sorry, it's a cash bar. This event was open to all whose membership was current as of May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. The club's existence is dependent on its member's continual support. Come join with us to celebrate our success and our future.



*Were you  
there???*

**Classified Ads**

**Due to major computer issues this month, and the lack of updates for many ads, I have removed all and will start fresh in October with member ads. Club and "sponsored" ads are all that remain. I apologize for the inconvenience.**

**For Sale:** 2000 Beetle, Vapor in color, 1.8 liter turbo, 5 speed, leather interior, power windows, locks and sunroof. Everything works fine except the A/C. This is an excellent driver, and a fun little car. It is in generally great shape with only 78,000 miles. Asking \$3500. Call Mike at 843-338-4269. (September 2017)

**For Sale:** VVAWNY Memorabilia, flags, badges, decals, medals, etc. See VVAWNY.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](mailto:Busnutbob@gmail.com)

**Service Offered:** Line boring service for all Type 1 style engine cases from 40HP up. Also available air cooled and water cooled engine and transmission re-building. Consult services also available on site or internet. Vince Harrington 716-693-5510. No calls after 9:30pm

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