VW CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF THE VAN contributed by Al Schuessler

Volkswagen AG hosted a celebration party in Hanover, Germany in October to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the venerable van. It was attended by over 70,000 attendees from throughout Europe who brought over 5,000 vans and campers. Over one weekend 3700 vans amassed for a campout, consuming 6,000 German sausages and 100 barrels of beer! Woodstock revisited?

Hanover was the factory location where the van was produced and the VW museum displayed many of the original models and the original sketch of the first concept vehicle.

It seems that today Chrysler is credited with the development of the mini van but this occasion reminds us who was first!

The WHO Rock Hanover - Turns out they are big VW Bus Fans contributed by Joel Cort

One of the most successful rock bands of all time will perform at the International Volkswagen Minibus Meeting to be held at the Hanover Exhibition Centre from 5 to 7 October 2007. The spirit of the untamed 1960s and 70s will be revived amidst Volkswagen Buses of all generations when Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey take to the stage. Five generations of Transporter will meet their idols when “The Who” takes to the stage on Saturday, October 6, as part of the celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Volkswagen Bus.

“When legend meets legend – that’s the ideal dimension for a Volkswagen Bus meeting. Rock legend, The Who, is tailor-made for the Volkswagen Bus and the relationship between the two is mirrored in several of their songs. We are thrilled that we, as Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, can perform together with this super rock-group,” comments Harald Schomburg, member of the brand board of management of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles has entered co-operation with The Who and is planning other joint activities with the band. “We look forward to being part of a real cult event that is right up our alley, and we intend to rock Hanover,” says Pete Townshend, the band’s creative mastermind.

“I own a Volkswagen Bus together with my partner Rachel Fuller. And we used Volkswagen Buses as transport in our very early days as a band. It was the cool thing to do,” the artist reminisced. “In fact, I even wrote about it in ‘Going Mobile’. The Volkswagen Bus was the only true choice at the time, and everyone loved it. It was a mobile hippy home, cult on wheels, and today, still, the Multivan is a great automobile.”

That’s exactly what the song ‘Going Mobile’ is about: “Well I’m gonna find a home on wheels, see how it feels, / Goin’ mobile/ Keep me moving/ I can pull up by the curb, /I can make it on the road, /Goin’ mobile I can stop in any street/ And talk with people that we meet”. For the complete article see http://www.classicrallies.com/blog/index.php/?/archives/740-The-Who-to-rock-International-Bus-Meeting.html
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December Birthdays
12/3 Debbie Goodwin
12/10 Hank Modelski
12/15 Marsha Emmons
12/27 Mike Sholtz
12/29 Gerry Sitler

December Anniversaries
12/17 Bob and Agnes LaPorte
12/31 Gary and Sharon Moscato

They Can’t Stay Away by Bob LaPorte

Club members Roger & Catherine Reynolds and family were visiting Barker from their home in Virginia after Thanksgiving. Their kids Ciara and Colm wanted to drive our field car despite the freezing cold weather. Photo is Colm driving with dad (Roger) controlling the pedals! The kids also built a substantial snowman in our yard with only an inch of snow on the ground.

It’s rumored we may see Roger at the Christmas dinner!

(Looks mighty cold in that car, Bob. I’m guessing the heater is just a little worse than most air-cooled VWs)

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.

DEC 10 Christmas Party at Scharf’s Schiller Park Restaurant

For those of you who are not familiar with Scharfs Schiller Park Restaurant, check website: Scharfsrest.com. It is located in Buffalo on a dead end street, borders on Schiller Park, has plenty of parking, and great German food.

Also check out johnsbugshop.com for a good calendar of upcoming events north of the border.

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Pierce-Arrow Museum Cruise
By Al Schuessler

On a sunny but cool Saturday Nov 3rd, a group of 20 strong gathered late in the morning for an early lunch at Chef’s restaurant. While greeting one another in the parking lot our attention was focused on a commercial cargo lift helicopter making repeated lifts with some HVAC equipment on the roof of one of the downtown high rise buildings. It proved to be an interesting sidebar to the many conversations and car talk taking place.

Following a sumptuous lunch over warm and spirited conversation it was soon time to mount our wheels and hone our old rallying skills for the TWO BLOCK cruise to the museum. The museum owner Jim Sandoro has amassed a significant collection of auto memorabilia and vehicles with the emphasis on the Pierce-Arrow which was built here in Buffalo until production ceased in the late 30’s. There were also examples of trucks and fire trucks built by Pierce in their halcyon days. A Thomas Flyer which was another locally built car was to be found amidst a variety of other special interest vehicles tastefully displayed.

The event concluded mid afternoon with I believe all attendees a bit more knowledgeable and appreciative of Buffalo’s historical automotive past and a suggestion that at some future date we do a longer distance cruise [i.e. 2.5 hours] to the Glen Curtis Museum in Hammondsport. Any takers?

Thanks to Gene Melnyk for the pictures of the group, and the memorabilia from the museum.
There Will Be NO
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You at the Christmas
Party!!!
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