



# KeyNotes



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## EXECUTIVE COMMENTS

By Tom Hall

Yeah, Volkswagens have been there for most events in my life since the afternoon in 1969 when I bought my '63 Ghia. If I had antagonized my parents by driving to Woodstock (I was tempted) it would have been in that car. I was driving a VW on virtually every date, my honeymoon, and most family trips. Various VWs took me to high school, college, graduate school, and work. The Jetta is parked in front of the school right now.

Driving old, inexpensive (even my Scirocco cost only \$2000, my Dasher was free) VWs, I had to become used to diagnosis, repairs, towing, and occasionally being stranded. Many of us have had the vehicle with a chronic problem (like my baywindow that kept breaking valve springs) as well as the unusual ailment that drives you crazy because you see it once in 20 years (like that mystery wire that conducts electricity only when it wants to).

The more serious side of VW ownership involves accidents. I will never forget the events of June 22, 1973. I was ready to leave the house in my '66 convertible to get to my classes at UB. The previous owner of this \$50 jewel had rolled it up on one side. I did some body work, slapped a coat of paint on it and had a nice ride. Unfortunately, on the morning in question, I blew a wheel cylinder and had absolutely no brakes (single stage master cylinder). My dad was generous enough to toss me the keys to his '68 bus so off I went.

All was well until I reached the Lackawanna Toll barrier on the thruway. I pulled up behind a '70 Impala to wait for the opportunity to give 15 cents to the state of New York. Suddenly, there seemed to be an explosion behind me, propelling me upward and forward, blasting out the windshield and ripping off the sliding side door. When I finally realized that there had been AN ACCIDENT I looked out the back window opening-now devoid of glass-to see the grille of a large Ford truck. Come to find out, there were at least two vehicles in western New York with no brakes that day.

I unfastened the shoulder belt (conscious of the fact it had just saved my life) and strolled out where the door used to be. I learned some interesting things in the next half hour including the following:

- The front of the van was lifted off the ground on impact-therefore the "explosion" feeling
- The Thruway Authority wanted my 15 cents even though the car was blasted through the toll lane (I told them to look on the ground because it flew out the windshield)
- The Chevy in front of me was also totalled
- I wasn't going to make it to class that day
- rather than being upset about the car, my dad was very grateful for my safety and went out three days later and bought a '71 Westy. He was that impressed with how well the type 2 held up.

Obviously, even though I walked away, this accident was a life-changing event. I always wear a seatbelt and scan my mirrors constantly. I have frequent backaches; but big deal. I know I am one of the lucky ones. My heart goes out to those less fortunate.

As we enjoy our hobby on the public roads, think of "Hill Street Blues" and "Be careful out there."



**Next Meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> at The Rose Garden 7:30PM.**

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## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1996 VW Golf. 98,000 miles . It is rusty around the edges, but runs and has been cared for with much TLC. \$1,000 or B.O. If interested call 877-6013 or email at [dbeclark@verizon.net](mailto:dbeclark@verizon.net).

**For Sale:** 1971 Beetle in very good condition. Please call Ricardo Rivera at 716-3366 8590

**For Sale:** 1937/40 Ford Hood made for a Super Beetle at a very reasonable price. Dick Meinhold has seen it and he thinks it's a "steal". Call Tim at 716-649-4526.

**For Sale;** one NOS German right front fender for a '68 to '70 Beetle. This is a VW factory fender, nothing like the crap they are selling now \$85.00. I also have other early (pre '67) Beetle fenders for various years. They are not German, but good older reproduction fenders that fit well - some used, one NOS. Email with your needs [Busnutbob@hughes.net](mailto:Busnutbob@hughes.net)

**For Sale:** Small collection of extra Johnnie Lighting 1/64 scale Volkswagens \$6.00ea Call or email Don for list. 716-532-3647 or [dondelos@yahoo.com](mailto:dondelos@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** Seats type 1, 3 lowback and 1 highback \$25.00 each / BO. Doors type 1 right side w/glass 1/67 & 1/68 \$25.00 each / BO. Doors typ 3 late left & right \$25.00 each / BO. 2 Mufflers 1-1200 \$25.00 and 1-1500 \$25.00 contact Don at 716-532-3647 or [dondelos@yahoo.com](mailto:dondelos@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:** Five (5) 5 1/2" x 15" Pedrini alloy wheels from Porsche 914. 4 bolt pattern will also fit 4 bolt VW's of the late 60's to 70's. Very good condition, four of them have decent 195-60x15 tires mounted. \$500.00 Call Mike at 716-875-5147 or e-mail [mjl1147@verizon.net](mailto:mjl1147@verizon.net).

**For Sale:** Camper that goes on top of a pickup truck. It has a stove and a spot for a refrigerator. Has some broken windows. I think the body is aluminum. Price is \$200 firm. Call Ken Weinstein 716-689-6888

**For Sale:** For Sale: 2 165 R15 Guardsman radial tires for classic Beetle (one tire never driven, still has nubs on the tread and the other has several hundred miles only). Both for \$90, no shipping charges or tire disposal fee. The following body repair panel parts are for a '67 or older Beetle: right wheelhouse (the inner fender area where the bumper bolts onto) \$25; right lower wheelhouse (the inner fender area that joins with the heater channel) \$12; left rear fender, Italian reproduction \$50. 65-66 rear decklid, rust free California piece, with licence plate light housing \$70. Contact Gene at 716-636-0887 or email at [genmel@verizon.net](mailto:genmel@verizon.net). Photos of the parts can be provided.

**For Sale:** Seatcovers, aftermarket patterns -usually plaid vinyl in the center, and solid vinyl around the edges. \$99 per car includes hogrings. Available for '65 Beatle (blue), '70 Beatle ( 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](mailto:KMW57@hotmail.com).

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## The Type 64 by Mike Lannan

While the Type 64, also known as the Type 60 K10, is an important part of the history of Porsche cars, I thought VW folks would also be interested in the history of this car, since it was built almost entirely of VW components.

When Ferdinand Porsche had had enough of working for other companies, he established his own design firm in Stuttgart in 1931. With his son Ferry, and Erwin Komenda in the firm, he found Germany's auto industry more and more interested in his design bureau.

In a few year's, the bureau's most important client was the German government, which in 1934 was seeking a design for a utility vehicle for the masses. Porsche had already designed such a car for NSU, so took on the job of developing the Type 60 KdF-Wagen, which we now lovingly know as the Volkswagen Beetle.

Thirty advanced prototypes began their strenuous testing in 1937, and it was at this time that the Porsches began to think of a sports car version of the Type 60. They certainly had plenty of experience with sports and racing cars including the famed Auto Union mid-engined V16 Grand Prix racer. When that project ended in 1937, Mercedes contracted the Porsches to design an aircraft engine-powered speed record car called the T80.

A natural outgrowth of all this recent activity was the presentation to the government of a plan for the Type 64. It was to be an alloy bodied sports car built around a VW chassis, suspension components and drivetrain, despite the fact that none of the final specs for those parts were completed. The car was projected to reach a top speed of 90 mph, due to a slippery, aerodynamic shell designed by Erwin Komenda, with power by a 1.5 liter, 50hp version of the VW's basic 985cc, 28 hp engine.

These numbers were quite impressive at the time; but the direction the government was heading at that time did not include such a high profile sports car. The proposal was turned down. The official reason that was given was that it was illegal for a government owned company, VW, to sell components to a privately owned firm such as the Porsche design bureau.

However, the Third Reich had not completely abandoned motorsport even at this late stage. Mercedes and Auto Union were dominating Grand Prix, while the T80 was still being prepared for its record run. About this time, the man in charge of the government's motor sports efforts, Adolph Huhnlein, along with his counterparts in Italy came up with the idea of staging an 800 mile race from Berlin to Rome. The race was to be held in September 1939, and was seen as a good way to gain favorable publicity for the Type 60 "People's Car".

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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.

**May 15-17:** Carlisle Import/Kit-Replicar Nationals, Carlisle PA. Check [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com)

**May 15-17: Dunkirk 40<sup>th</sup>.** Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral at Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, New York. Contact 716-386-4832 ~ [classic455@windstream.net](mailto:classic455@windstream.net) / Scott Meekins for more info.

**June 13:** 2nd Annual St. Matthew Car Show. 9AM to 3PM at St. Matthew's School in North Tonawanda. Elvis will be in the building for this show.

**June 21:** June Jitterbug. Check [www.johnsbugshop.com/jitter\\_bug\\_](http://www.johnsbugshop.com/jitter_bug_) for more details

**July 11 :** Bugs In The Garden. Our 21<sup>st</sup> annual show. Check out the flyer on [www.vwawny.org](http://www.vwawny.org) for full information.

**August 2:** Bug Bust 19 sponsored by FLRVWC. Check the website [www.flrvwc.com](http://www.flrvwc.com) for complete information.

**August 22:** Oinkerfest V at Doug and Mary Jo Syck's estate. Roast pig, turkey & salt potatoes will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, beverage of choice and chair. RSVP by 8/1 to [msyck@hotmail.com](mailto:msyck@hotmail.com) or 585-589-6880.

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## Hospitality

### May Birthdays

5/4 Mary Ann Lannan  
5/6 Lisa Whittaker  
5/7 Marcia Whittemore  
5/13 Jackie Sherry  
5/20 Maureen Ellis  
5/31 Sam Jacobs

If you would like to have your birthday and anniversary announced in *KeyNotes*, please contact Dick or Barb Meinhold at 625-9555 or e-mail [dick5864@verizon.net](mailto:dick5864@verizon.net). Only the day of the event will be listed unless requested otherwise. Thank You



## May Anniversaries

5/15 Don & Terrie DeHos  
5/19 Alan & Lisa Whittaker  
5/26 Gene & Nadia Melnyk

## The Type 64 *continued from page 3*

With this new plan, government officials ordered three specially bodied Type 60s from the Porsches. They designated this model the Type 60 K10. These cars were based on a full production VW chassis, with the same 94.5 inch wheelbase and 50.6 inch track as the Beetle. It also used the standard torsion bar suspension and transmission; but used a more aerodynamic body designed by Komenda. In fact, even though the government had rejected Porsche's plans for the Type 64, this car was in fact one and the same, although designated the Type 60 K10.

As a matter of fact, one of the requirements for the car was that it maintain a resemblance to the production Beetle. So Komenda kept the basic shape of that car's side and rear windows. In the interest of aerodynamics, he decided to narrow the cab width so dramatically that the passenger seat had to be moved to the rear by a foot in order to accommodate both persons. To power the slippery racer, which weighed in at 1200 pounds, twin carburetors and larger valves were added to the VW engine to boost output to 50hp. This combination would allow the car to reach 90 mph, and run at that speed all day, if necessary. What else would you expect from a car based strongly on the VW?

The three alloy bodied cars were built; but never used for their original purpose. World War II started on September 3, 1939, and caused the cancellation of the Berlin to Rome race. They were used as high speed transport for the Porsches and ranking government officials. Two of the three were wrecked during or shortly after the war, while the third survives today although it has not been seen since 1982.

These cars represent an interesting early chapter in the history of both VW and Porsche, so I hope you enjoyed this little article. Information was gathered from several websites, and from Porsche Panorama magazine, March 2009.

## VWAWNY Tool Crib - Tools for loan, FREE!

- 1) Door hinge pin press for vintage beetles and buses
- 2) Steering wheel puller for vintage beetles and buses

To borrow either of these tools, contact Bob at 716-795-3569 or email [Busnutbob@hughes.net](mailto:Busnutbob@hughes.net)  
Refundable deposit required; details upon request

## VWAWNY Memorabilia For Sale

Show your pride of membership in one of the best VW clubs in the USA!

### Car flags - \$10.00 Each

Flags measure approximately 14" x 11". They are printed with the original club logo in white over blue on both sides and come attached to a durable plastic mounting pole. The mount slips over the top edge of an up-down window. If you don't have an up-down window, the base can be modified to mount by other methods.



### Car badges - \$10.00 Each    The oldest car accessory

Badges are a top quality cloisonné finished production casting. The original design was to be black and red over a gold bronze colored background signifying German flag colors, however the company made a few in error that have a silver background. Both gold and silver badges are still available in limited quantities. Each weighs 4.7 ounces and has a weatherproof clear epoxy finish. Mounting choices are a peel-and-stick backing or a single small screw stud with washer and nut. From my own experience I can tell you that the adhesive sticks very well to a flat painted surface or window. Removal can be accomplished by using a heat gun, with no paint damage.

**Because of the production error, we are able to offer either of these badges to club members for half the actual cost of \$20 each!**

### Decals - \$.50 Each

Peel and stick decals are made to be applied to the inside of your car window. Available in 3" and 3.5" diameters.



### Patches - \$5.00 Each

These high quality patches are embroidered with white over dark blue, measure 3.5" in diameter and can be ironed on or sewn on your favorite jacket, blanket, car cover or whatever.



**All of these items were purchased in specific minimum quantities. When they are gone, many items will not be ordered again because of the investment required. To purchase any of the above please contact Bob or Agnes at 716-795-3569 or email [Busnutbob@hughes.net](mailto:Busnutbob@hughes.net)**



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*The car pictured above is the Type 64, also known as the Type 60 K10. The car has a lot of historic significance for both VW and Porsche fans. Read more inside.*