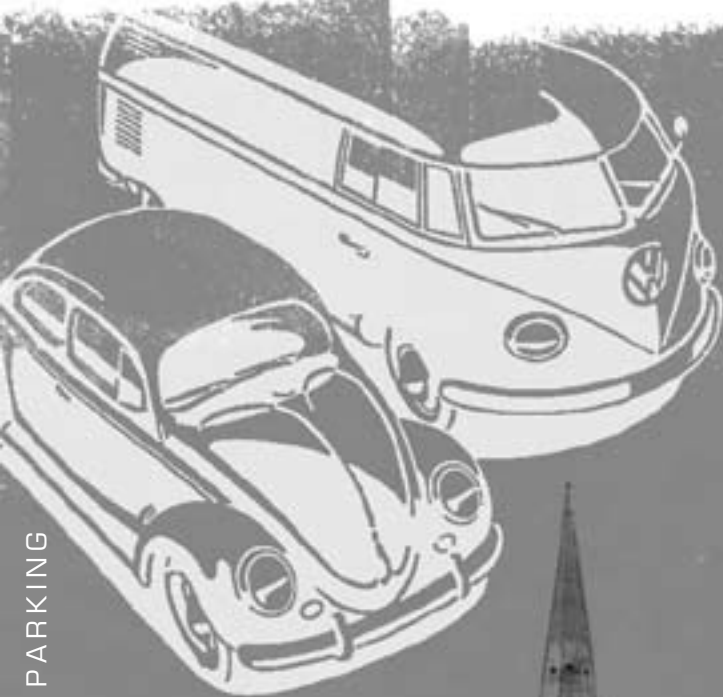


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Canterbury VW Enthusiast Club

August 2006



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The club was formed in July 1986 to cater for owners of these German automobiles. Its aim is to provide the opportunity for people to meet others with a common interest. Families and friends are all welcome.

The club was formed with the intention of being low-cost, easy going, and of course enjoyable for all those involved. Events are held on a regular basis, and a newsletter comes out bi-monthly.

The club caters for all Volkswagens, from early vehicles right through to the new Beetle.

For further information check out the club web site:

<http://cantyv.w.littleb.co.nz/>



VW Fact #13



If all VWs sold from 1949 through mid-1963 were placed end to end, they would form a 4,591 kilometer line (almost 3 times the length of New Zealand).

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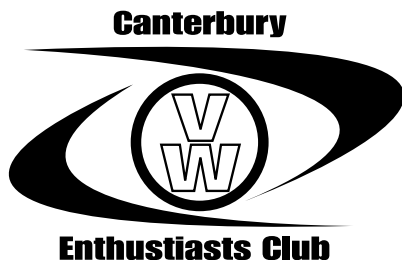
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A message from the editor

Another great contribution to the newsletter this month from Simon Fraser. These cold winter nights afford an excellent opportunity to fire up the computer, tickle the keyboard to produce next month's article. So turn off the TV and share a story with us all (we will accept hard copy or just about any digital file format).

Even though it is winter there are a couple of events coming up. Don't let the cold weather stop you from firing up your VW and joining in. Even though it was cold, the Cool Air run last weekend was a roaring success and will be a regular feature in the annual calendar.

In local news, Christchurch welcomes the start-up of a new Volkswagen workshop, combining the skills of two talented VW enthusiasts and club members under one roof. Check out the advert on page 11 for more details.

Cheers, Rob

New club

Central South Volkswagen Enthusiasts Club

We now have another new Volkswagen Club to join the ranks of the existing Clubs around the country. The title listed above is the official name of our new group, which aims to cater for Volkswagen fans from the Mid Canterbury to North Otago areas.

We presently boast a membership of about 15 (and increasing rapidly) spread from Ashburton to Maheno.

The Club made its first major outing to the Canterbury Clubs 'Cool Air Run' held at Orari on the weekend of 21st to 23rd July. This was supported by a large turn-out of keen members in a variety of Volkswagen models, from several parts of our region.

The person behind the formation of our group is Alan Perrin of Pleasant Point. He has been quietly working behind the scenes and getting the word out since attending the 05 VW Nationals in Dunedin—with encouragement from Marcus Brown & Dave Finnie of Oamaru.

We are planning to have outings to places of interest in the central South Island, and get-togethers with other South Island VW Clubs. We hope our activities will cater for the needs of the local VW enthusiasts, as well as expanding the number of 'VW' friends throughout the country.

Our Club Liaison person, and contact for all correspondence is:

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Coming events

Monthly club meetings

Last Wednesday of the month

From 6.30pm at the Ultimate Car Wash Café, 359 Lincoln Road, across the railway line and look for the big green sign. Please support this great new venue and join us for a cuppa or two and a chat.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 26.

And next month: Wednesday, August 30.

Fortnightly 2007 VW Festival meeting

First and third Thursdays of the month

August 3, 17 at 66 Teesdale Street, Russley, Christchurch.
Everyone interested in helping out is welcome to attend.

Pioneer Stadium Classic Car Show

August 19 and 20. The club has a stand at the car show with two entries (one of them Simon's Kabriolet, featured on the next page). Come and vote Volkswagen for peoples choice.

October Fest campout weekend

Labour weekend, 20th–23rd October

The Oamaru Camper & Transporter Owners invite you to a laid-back DIY camping weekend in rural North Otago (77 Whiterocks Road, Oamaru) with other like-minded Volkswagen enthusiasts—all are welcome! Bring whatever you need—a camper, caravan or tent and food. Toilets and BBQ facilities will be provided.

An organised outing will be undertaken to some of the regions spectacular natural, as well as man-made attractions.

If you plan to attend please inform Dave (dave.finnie@xtra.co.nz) or Marcus (marcusanddawn@xtra.co.nz) for catering purposes (Saturday night BBQ provided) and for directions.

VW Nationals 2007

Christchurch, Easter, April 6–9, 2007.

If you are keen to come to this event, then please pre-register by visiting the festival website at <http://nzveedubfest.littleb.co.nz/> , or give one the members a call to express your interest. If you would like to help out at the event then drop us a line at nzveedubfest@littleb.co.nz.

Want to organise an event?

Become an active member and drop us a line at cantyvw@littleb.co.nz.

Simon's '59 Vert

1959 Karinnann Kabriolet

I bought my 1959 Karmann Kabriolet several years ago after seeing it displayed for sale at Upper Classics. This car had had a long and hard life on the streets of Christchurch before I owned it. It was involved in a tangle a few years ago where the elderly lady owner had been tee boned by a Bus after she failed to give way (and subsequently lost her license for DIC). The car had had some pretty bad panel work done on it after the getting together with the bus and this led me to a full on restoration.

Being new on the VW scene and with only hazy memories of Volkswagens from my wild youth I probably shouldn't have taken on a factory Karmann Kabriolet as one of my first restorations. Little did I know that the only panels that these cabriolets share with a beetle are the 4 guards and the front bonnet. Every other panel, etc is different including the doors, all quarter panels, windscreen, windows, doors and chassis. Even the semaphores for a cabriolet are different to those for a Beetle or Kombi and when I first laid my hands on my car it had a pair of Beetle/Kombi semaphores squeezed into the skinny little slots where the cabriolet semaphores go.



Tracking down parts for this car was somewhat of a nightmare but all the bits are out there, it's just a matter of time and money! (The cabriolet semaphores from BBT in Belgium were the biggest hit in the pocket.)

It took around about 2 years to get all the panel beating, painting and trimming done. I have kept the original paint colour (Shetland Grey Metallic) and brick red upholstery colour. The original hood lining and head lining (complete with horse hair padding) needed replacement so I bought a kit from the States (Another nasty hit in the pocket)

I reused the chrome trim that was nailed onto the hood lining but some of the timber framing to the hood needed to be remade.

The car still runs its original engine which I haven't touched (With the exception of repainting all the tinware, etc). It has only clocked up 108,000 miles since new which equates to an average of under 2500 miles per year for the last 47 years. The gearbox is also the original with no synchro in first gear.

The car came with the normal cabriolet only bits and pieces such as the rotating interior mirror, special interior light (that switches off if the hood is lowered), front hood lock, glove box lock, wind down rear windows, etc as well as a Dehne fuel gauge. I have kept the car pretty much stock but have added a few little 'accessories just to finish it off. These include a Hazet tool box, a Sperrwolf shifter lock, whitewalls, a Blaupunkt radio and bullet light indicators mounted on the bumpers.

Simon Fraser



Uphill all the way

Thanks to Adalie Taylor for sending this 1969 New Zealand Weekly News article all the way from Auckland.

In their never-ending quest to establish new and unorthodox records, a group of university students at Christchurch have turned their attention to Canterbury's historic old Bridle Path.

For 117 years this narrow, steep and winding route over the Port Hills between Lyttelton and the plains has been strictly for pedestrian and equestrian traffic.

The students, however, have decided it's high time something a little faster and more modern made the grade.

So they've been tackling it with cars—not beat up old bombs or four-wheel drive utilities—but late model vehicles with spotless paint and shining chrome. And after a number of unsuccessful attempts they



The convoy of cars negotiating a steep turn halfway up the Christchurch side of the Bridle Path. Heathcote Valley is in the background.

actually reached the 1000ft summit where the Province's Pioneers "gazed with awe" across the plains in 1850.

To impress the locals (who, from their vantage point in Heathcote Valley below, have witnessed the attempts with the enthusu- of a grand prix crowd) a group of students the other day drove, Pushed and bounced three cars to the summit in less than 30 minutes.

The drivers were Murray Kennedy, of Wellington, John Crone, of Wanganui, and Michael Wood, of Mosgiel. The pushers are too numerous to name.



Progress was slow toward the summit and the "pushers" were kept busy.

"We've been up steeper roads before but not as narrow and with such a rough surface," Murray said after the convoy reached the top. Two of the cars were 1964 Volkswagens and the other, a 1960 Riley. All the drivers are keen rallyists.

Just what all this has actually achieved, no one knows, but the students say it's a darned sight easier than trying to cram sardine-like into telephone booths. —Les Bloxham.

Weddings

It seems VWs are a popular choice of wedding car these days...

Wanted 2 Beetles for a wedding at the end of October. If you have 2 VW beetles in great condition and would be keen to hire them out, contact Debbie and Aaron <azzad@clear.net.nz>

Wanted for a wedding on November 25th this year with a bridal party of 10. We have one Kombi Van for a bridal car, but the second has fallen through. If you are interested in: a) hiring a Kombi for the day b) possibly being a driver for a few hours say 1:30 - 6? please contact Phil Steventon <phils@skope.co.nz>.

Wanted, 1 Karmann Ghia. I am getting married in January in Christchurch and it would be my dream to arrive and leave in a Karmann Ghia but I don't own one! If anyone can help, please contact Annabelle Watson <Annabelle.Watson@meredithconnell.co.nz>

Cool Air run

Over the weekend of 21st - 23rd July we held a weekend campout at Orari near Geraldine, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Club.

Despite the time of year, and very cold weather conditions in most of the South Island, the weather at Orari was ideal, with warm days, cool nights, but not overly cool early mornings.

The first arrivals made it to the site mid-afternoon Friday with numbers increasing during the evening to make a total of 5 buses, 1 Karmann Ghia, and Macca driving a very strange looking Volkswagen. These numbers included 2 from the Manshande VW Club in Nelson, and Penny & Dave from Oamaru.

Another four type 2's arrived on Saturday, including more 'southerners' - the Brown family from North Otago. Although the numbers attending from Christchurch fell well short of those expected, there was good support from several other parts of the South Island. Saturday numbers



were boosted considerably to almost double, by the attendance of a large contingent from the newly-formed Central South VW Enthusiasts Club (covering the South Canterbury and North Otago areas).

Starting late morning, Alan Perrin of near-by Pleasant Point, led a large convoy to the Fonterra Clandeboye Factory, the Arowhenua Hotel, Pleasant Point and then to Geraldine, where everybody quickly disappeared to check out the local attractions.



Late afternoon saw most return to the campsite for a well prepared BBQ, which included a variety of meats, salads and delicious home-made pizza.

Sunday's weather remained ideal with most hitting the road late morning, the main contingent of Christchurch folk heading home via the inland scenic route, encountering doublings of snow along the way.

All the reports have been of those attending having a thoroughly enjoyable time, and all credit and thanks must go to Ivan & Carol and their helpers who turned on a great weekend. Roll on 2007 event, and those who didn't make it, mark your calendars now.

Club subscriptions

There are still a number of (now ex) members who have not paid their fees this year... **your subs are now due!** Please bring your fees along to the next club meeting, or send to the club treasurer:

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