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*October - November*

# Spark and Sputter



# 1969 Volkswagen

*Owned by Sara Treleven*

# **FEATURE CAR**

## **1969 Volkswagen Type 2 Bus**

### **Owned by Sara Treleven**

A very cold day this past winter I acquired this beautiful 1969 Volkswagen Type 2 Bus from a wonderful retired couple in Appleton, Wisconsin.

In the middle of February, I drove it back home to Waukesha without heat or reservations because I knew I had something special.

In my younger years, I looked forward to helping my dad in the garage while he restored his old cars. Becoming especially skilled at picking up lost nuts and bolts off the garage floor, I quickly rose to the title of Flashlight Holder, with hopes that I would someday also have my own cool car.

This iconic bus, named Homer, was born in Germany on February 20, 1969 and was originally sold to a family in Houston. Since then, it has had a few owners, was fully restored in California, and eventually made its way to Wisconsin.

With a 1600cc 58hp engine, it is not a speed demon but rather a nice reminder to relax and enjoy the scenery! A decal added to the rear window, "I wish it went faster too", is only partially true and meant more to give drivers behind us something to read while we slowly make our way across the intersection.

The bus itself sleeps four people – two adults in the rear with the seat folded down, and one adult and one child up above on separate cots. It also has a refrigerator, freezer, sink, folding tables inside and out, and an incredible amount of storage for long trips. Electrical power supplied to the bus allows for fans or heaters, depending on the day in Wisconsin. All of the seats have been reupholstered, curtains redone, and mesh coverings were provided for all the windows to keep bugs from getting in at night while also being able to enjoy the nighttime air.

The paint is not original; however, it was repainted to the eye-catching Sierra Yellow.

Although there is no power steering and sudden braking can be a challenge, the bus drives, shifts, and rides wonderfully with minimal chassis noise.

With the help of my dad, who I have handed over the title of Flashlight Holder, the bus has only required minimal mechanical repairs so far, but I have no doubt there will be plenty more in its future.

Homer has made a few successful camping trips around Wisconsin this summer and it has been most rewarding to talk to other Volkswagen bus owners and fans about their own adventures. We were hoping to be a part of the Frame Park Car Show this year because I haven't missed one since moving to Waukesha, but will be eagerly awaiting next year's show instead. I also look forward to meeting more WOCC members and learning about their cars, attending meetings, and participating in car cruises and other events. Make sure to wave if you ever see us out and about!

*Sara*

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**Member Dues**

Membership dues are due on February 15 of each year.

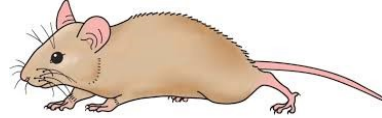
**2021 membership dues are \$20.00 for all Members.**

**Club Meetings**

The club membership meets at 7:30pm the second Monday of the month at Foxx View Lanes in Waukesha.

The Board meets prior to the member meeting.

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*out of your car*

Mice are cute in fairy tales, but in real life they are monsters that can cause serious damage to your stored vehicle. Mice and their cousins can cause considerable damage to a vehicle by gnawing on wires, pulling out insulation for nesting material and or storing nuts and other trash in your car and engine compartment. Some things that you can do to protect your vehicle.

- ◆ Leave the hood open if the vehicle is stored indoors. Rodents prefer dark places.
- ◆ Don't store pet food near the stored vehicle.
- ◆ Place traps around the vehicle.
- ◆ Use electronic rodent deterrent devices that annoy rodents with strobe lights or sounds that humans can't hear.
- ◆ Adding odors or smells to the engine compartment and interior that are offensive to rodents. Such as peppermint oil, powered fox urine, used cat litter, dog hair, Pine-Sol, Irish Spring soap, red pepper, laundry dryer sheets or sprays available online or at auto parts stores.

# Club Election Update

At the December 14 meeting the club will be voting for the positions of Vice President and Secretary and 3 Board members.

- ◇ Steve Heineman has been nominated for the position of Vice President
- ◇ Sarah Ksiciński has been nominated for the position of Secretary
- ◇ Al Schultz has been nominated to the Board.
- ◇ Bob Schumann has been nominated to the Board
- ◇ Nic Gengler has been nominated to the Board

## ***WOCC Meeting Highlights September 14th, 2020***

The July meeting was called to order @ 7:31pm, 14 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Officers and Board members were introduced.

There was one new member. Sara Treleven has a 1969 Volkswagen bus that she enjoys driving and is looking for more opportunities to drive it.

### **President's Report:**

- Ron reported that club's liability insurance has been paid.
- Next month the club will begin accepting nominations for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Also up for election are the positions of 3 board members. Positions to be filled are those currently held by Nic Gengler, Bob Schumann and Al Schultz. The election will take place at the December meeting.
- The board is looking at the problem of member retention and attracting new members. He put it out the membership that the board is looking for ideas.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Things are beginning to open up again. The club is looking to plan events at Gillette's Collision Center in Waukesha and or Gateway Classics.
- The status of the Waukesha Christmas Parade is still up in the air. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- Due to the canceled car show and other club activities, the dues for 2021 will be \$20.00 per member family.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Jim gave a report of income and expenses for the month of August. The report was accepted as presented.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Sarah read the minutes from the August meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

### **Sunshine Committee:**

- Judy reported that Bob Boehnen's daughter Nicki had passed suddenly. The club made a donation in her honor.

### **Committee Reports:** none

### **Old Business:**

- Bob Merner is always looking for member cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sutter*.
- The club is looking for speakers for our meetings. We would like them to talk for 15-30 minutes. Let Ron or Steve know if you have any suggestions.
- Gillette's Collision Center has invited the club back for session on pinstriping and/or paint less dent removal. More information will be given as it becomes available.
- With Murr's Waukesha closed the club is looking for another location to hold the June meeting. The location would need to be able to accommodate 20-30 cars.

### **Tech Talk:**

- Midnight Hot Rods will be hosting a open house car show on September 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

## ***WOCC Meeting Highlights October 12th, 2020***

The October meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Ron Herman.

The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Officers and Board members were introduced.

There were 15 members present, there were no new members or guests.

### **President's Report-**

Ron reviewed with the members what was discussed at the board meeting.

- There is a concern regarding the election that is to occur at the December meeting. According to the by-laws, If there is a not a quorum of members in attendance the election should not occur. A quorum is at least 30 voting members or 25% of the members listed in the current roster which ever is less.
- As in past years the club plans to have pizza and beverages after the December meeting.
- At the November and December meetings the club will be collecting non-perishable food items and "Pass the Can" to collect money for charity. The amount collected is matched by the club.
- The club will be making a cash donation to six Waukesha charities

### **Vice President's Report-**

- Steve said that because of the cancelation of the car show and the opportunity for members to fulfill their ability to work four hours for the club, dues will be \$20.00 for all members next year.
- The 2020 Waukesha Christmas Parade will be November 22, 2020. The club is registered as a participant. We are asking as many members as possible to decorate their special vehicle and join in the parade (weather permitting). The parade starts at 4:00pm, line up at 3:00pm. This year the theme is Comfort and Joy. \*All persons participating in the parade are required to wear a mask. Attendees are also encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing. no handing out of candy or other items by parade participants is allowed.
- The club is always looking for members cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.
- There are hard copies of the club roster and newsletters available at club meetings.

**Treasurer's Report-** Jim reported the income and expenses for the month of September.

**Secretary's Report-** Sarah read the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

**Sunshine Committee-** Judy had nothing to report.

### **Old Business-**

- Bob Merner is looking for member cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.
- The club is looks for venues to replace Murf's for the June meeting.
- The club is looking for speakers for our meetings and events for My Garage. If you have suggestions contact Ron Herman.

### **New Business-**

- There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

## ***WOCC Meeting Highlights November 9th, 2020***

The November meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Ron Herman.

The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Officers and Board members were introduced.

There were 18 members present, there were no new members or guests.

### **President's Report-**

Ron reviewed with the members what was discussed at the board meeting.

- The Waukesha Christmas Parade will be held. The date is November 22. Per the website all participants are required to wear face masks
- The club will be contacting members who have dropped out and inviting them to rejoin. They will be able to rejoin and dues will be \$20.00 for 2021.

### **Vice President's Report-**

Steve said at the December meeting the club will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Waukesha food pantry and will "pass the can" to collect money for charity. The club supports 6 local charities. They are Saint Vincent DePaul, Hebron House, Women's Center, Hope Center, Waukesha Food Pantry and the Christmas Clearing Council.

**Treasurer's Report-** Jim reported the income and expenses for the month of October. There was no income and the only expense was the registration for the Christmas Parade

**Secretary's Report-** Sarah read the minutes of the October meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

**Sunshine Committee-** Judy had nothing to report.

### **Old Business-**

- Bob Merner asking members to have their vehicle featured in the Spark and Sputter. All you need is a couple of picture and a short article letting us know why the vehicle is special.
- The club is looking for venues to replace Murf's for the June meeting. They are looking at a few possibilities. If you have ideas contact Ron Herman.
- The club is looking for speakers for our meetings and events for My Garage. If you have suggestions contact Ron Herman.

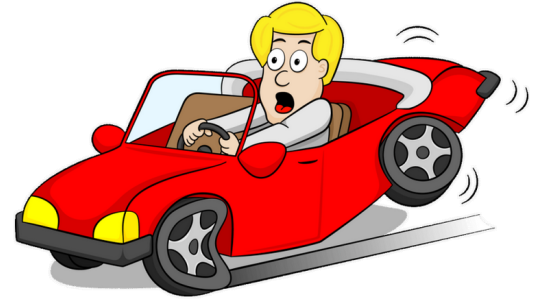
### **New Business-**

- The election of officers and board members is scheduled for the December meeting. It was discussed that since all current officers have agreed to another term of 2 years and they are unopposed, is an election necessary since there may not be a quorum at the December meeting. An email will be sent to all members to get an idea how many members plan to attend. The response will determine whether the meeting will be held or canceled.
- Due to the current quarantine policies the Appreciation Banquet for 2021 is on hold at this time. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.



# Types of Brake Fluid



Brake fluid is the lifeblood of the brake system and is commonly overlooked. But it is an integral part of your vehicle. It is a hydraulic fluid that is responsible for one job, stopping your vehicle! Brake fluid transfers the action of pushing on the brake pedal to the brake calipers or drums through a series of hoses and lines to stop the vehicle. Because it must operate under very demanding conditions without failure, the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regulates its performance. It must pass testing for its ability to remain fluid at a low temperature and to resist boiling at high temperature. It must be compatible with other brake fluids and brake system parts and prevent corrosion within the system.

Brake fluid is referred to by DOT and a number. The DOT stands for Department of Transportation. The higher DOT number has a higher boiling point than the lower DOT number. Most vehicles in the USA take DOT3 or 4 which are amber in color. They are glycol-based and will absorb moisture out of the air (hygroscopic is the scientific term). Therefore, you will want to keep the container tightly closed and do not open the master cylinder reservoir unless needed. That is the reason many master cylinder reservoirs are clear. Because of its likeliness to absorb moisture, and the heat generated during braking, brake fluid will degrade over time. It will become acidic, promoting the formation of rust and debris in the system, this can clog valves in an Antilock Brake Systems.

**DOT 3** is the most popular. It has been in use for a long time. Fresh DOT 3 has a boiling point of 401 degrees Fahrenheit, and drops to 284 degrees Fahrenheit when degraded. This makes your brake fluid much more likely to boil. Hard braking, downhill braking for long periods, towing, or racing can speed up this process. Since DOT 3 is highly corrosive, use great care while handling. It can damage paint and should be cleaned up immediately using soap and water or a simple degreaser.

**DOT 4** is beginning to be used more widely by vehicle manufacturers. It is currently used mostly by European car manufacturers. There are different types of DOT 4 brake fluid. It has a higher boiling point than DOT 3. These boiling points start at 446 degrees Fahrenheit. Additional additives in DOT 4 help reduce the acids that can form from moisture. While DOT 3 and 4 are technically intermixable, it is not recommended. The cost of DOT 4 is about twice the cost of DOT 3 and for most applications, there's little benefit to switching. There are several different types of DOT 4 so be certain you use the correct type. DOT 4 is used in some European and domestic vehicles. DOT 4 Plus, is used in Mercedes and Volvo. DOT 4 Low Viscosity, is used in some BMW models. Finally, DOT 4 Racing usually has blue color added.

**DOT 5** is a silicone-based brake fluid and has a boiling point of 500 degrees Fahrenheit. Usually it has a purple color to differentiate it from the amber color of DOT 3 and 4. It doesn't absorb water quite like the glycol-based DOT3 and 4 brake fluids, but it does become foamy and the air bubbles are far more difficult to bleed out. This is why DOT 5 is not recommended for an Antilock Brake Systems. DOT 5 is not able to be mixed with any other fluid and is 4 times more expensive than DOT 3.

**DOT 5.1** is a glycol-based brake fluid with a boiling point similar to DOT 4 racing brake fluids. Usually clear to amber in color. While it is technically intermixable with DOT 3 or 4, it is not recommended. DOT 5.1 is around 14 times more expensive than DOT 3.

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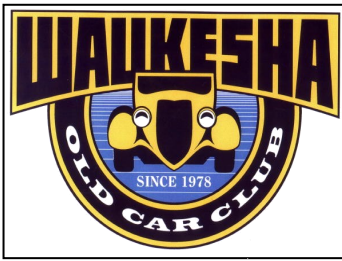


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**The purpose of the club shall be  
to promote the interest of automobiles  
for the enjoyment of its members**





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*All events are pending due to the quarantine policies*

## *Coming Events*

- ◆ **November 22**  
*Waukesha Christmas Parade, watch your mail for times and position information.*
- ◆ **December 14, 2020**  
*7:30pm Membership Meeting  
@ Foxx View Lanes  
Board meets prior to the membership meeting*
- ◆ **January 11, 2021**  
*7:30pm Membership Meeting  
@ Foxx View Lanes  
Board meets prior to the membership meeting*
- ◆ **February 08, 2021**  
*7:30pm Membership Meeting  
@ Foxx View Lanes  
Board meets prior to the membership meeting*