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OUR OIL LEAKS

It is that time again to roll out the monthly newsletter. Firstly a couple of apologies are in order. Firstly to Simon, as it was Simon (not Dale) that organised the very enjoyable mystery tour and secondly to Ineke & John for getting the address mixed up for the Quiz night, so for all you clubbies that don't attend the quiz night I will get the blame so beware!!

Well folks two newsletters down and four to go before Keri is back to take over the helm (not that I am counting!!)

Midwinter Christmas Dinner – George Dunning



If Won Was Wondering What We Would Witness When Working our Way West towards Wee Mapua, Well Weren't We to Wear Whatever Would Wow the Witnesses With Whatever begun with W!?!?

Funny how many Words can begin with W, eh!

Well (there I go again, another W) the turnout of eighteen of us at Jellyfish Café and Bar on Mapua Wharf made for yet another successfully enjoyable event. Sadly Vince had succumbed to what teachers do at the end of a busy term and Sue very capably did all the honours. Hopefully Vince gets to enjoy what holidays are for.

Moggie from over the hills won the prize for travelling the greatest distance, good on him. A polygamous trio won the top honours for their effort. John, obviously got caught up in the "W" thing and Wedding was the theme. So other guests at the café along with ourselves were treated to him entering the premises with a bride on each arm! Really gorgeous chicks too! (there were a few moist eyes).

There was a Waiter, a Widow, a Wizard and a Witch and Well one can go on. The two youngest – Lilly and Charlie had a lovely time unwrapping their Christmas parcels after seeking out all the hidden items.

It was a neat night with truly Wonderful food.

(There could be a little wee prize for all the W's in this script, next time we meet)

Club Member Disaster:

Grant Robb sent the club this article he found when surfing the net, unfortunately he found the article a little too late to prevent Eddie, their Kombi, from experiencing this malfunction.

Old VWs: FIRE HAZARD ALERTS

A Report from the Hinterlands

UPRIGHT ENGINES w/ SOLEX CARBS : On the trip home from Mr Appleby's last Memorial Day, Moonbeam (1966 Type II) earned her new name: FLAMING MOONBEAM. She did this by exploding into flames as Kevin was driving her on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The culprit in this case was familiar to me, as I had caught fire in the Stephmobile (a 67 type D) in downtown Cincinnati the summer before from the same cause, but at the time I thought it was a fluke.

No fluke, folks. We went through a box of carburetors here at the junkyard and all but one suffer from the same problem. Check it out on your vehicle.

Learn or burn.

The gas line to the carb on upright VW engines fastens to a brass tube that is pressed into the carb. What apparently happens is electrolysis between dissimilar metals, resulting in (my guess) aluminum oxidation around the tube. When this tube becomes loose enough, the fuel pressure can force it out of the carb, and now you are spraying gasoline onto the hot engine just as fast as your fuel pump will supply it. There's that telltale HWUMPHHHH sound, and then flames and smoke. Lots a each.

Solution 1:

Here's my solution: remove the tube and clean it up. Get some Loctite (or similar product) and use it liberally in re-installing the tube. You may want to use a hammer and punch to deform the tube about 1/4 inch from the end being re-inserted into the carb.

Solution 2:

Here's a solution from the VW Museum: Leave the tube in place, and using a moderately sharp nail as a punch, make 8 or 10 indentations in the aluminum of the carb around the periphery of the tube (right where you see the tube disappear into the carb). The theory here is to deform the aluminum so it presses against the tube.

Solution 3:

Here's Kevin's solution and it's how Flaming Moonbeam is even today: get some mechanic's wire and tie the gas line and the hose clamp to the carb so there isn't any slack and if the tube comes loose, it's not going anywhere.

When I use solution 1 on a carb, I slop enough Loctite around the joint so I will recognize it when I next work on the engine. The latter 2 methods are sufficiently visible on their own. This repair is now performed on every engine that comes through the shop, unless it looks like its already been done. Kevin carries a fire extinguisher now. I carry a fire extinguisher now.



THE MORAL OF THE STORY... *You should carry one too!*

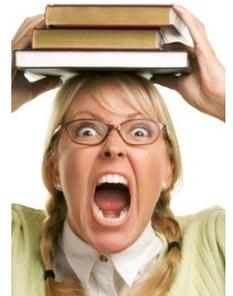
Up and coming events

Don't forget to mark your calendar.

July 19th (Thursday)

Quiz Night - *Event Organiser: Ineke Manshande*

7pm at John and Ineke's place (8 Cullen Place, Nelson) at 7pm.
Bring a plate to share for supper.



August 18th (Saturday)

Run to the Pub - *Run Organiser: Brian Mogford*

Meet at QE II car park just past the roundabout on the way towards Atawhai. Travel to Havelock for lunch at the Slip Inn. Returning later that day

September 2nd (Sunday) –Father's day

Rover's Club Steam Museum

Run Organiser: Gina Cooper

Join the other car clubs from the Top of the South to engage in a day of car browsing at the Steam Museum.

Details to follow (as we obtain them).

September 23rd (Sunday)



Motorcycle & Car Museum visits

Run Organiser: *Simon Homes*

Visit the new Motorcycle Museum on Bolt Road then continue around the corner to Rotherham St to see a Car Museum. Meet at the Motorcycle Museum 11 am.

October 20-22nd (Labour Weekend)



Oktoberfest

Run Organiser: *Ineke Manshande*

Meet at Garin College 10am to departure to Golden Bay for a weekend camping and the essential visit to the Mussel Inn. Accommodation and all other details to follow soon.

November 24th (Saturday)

Annual Review & Awards Ceremony

Run Organiser: *Keri King & Vince Fox*

Meet at Garin College for a 11am departure. Meeting is to be held at Moutere Inn, with everyone welcome to stay on for lunch after the awards presentation.

December 8th (Saturday)

Christmas Picnic

Run Organiser: *Keri King*

To be held at Cable Bay. Bring along a salad to share and meat to cook on the barbie. Those that want to camp book at the [Cable Bay Holiday Park](#)



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