

The Bee Dub Times



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FOURTH ANNUAL "GENE BENNETT CHICKEN RUN"

On Saturday, May 18, we had the annual Gene Bennett Chicken Run. We met in Lowe's parking lot in Salem and took a head count. Charlotte went by Kentucky Fried Chicken and got chicken and fixings. Ladies in the group brought salads and dessert. Then we went to the Dixie Caverns picnic area. It was so cold and rainy that we thought we might have to go home, but Mike and Mylinda Reid invited us all to their home that is nearby. We went in and had a great meal and fellowship at their dining room table. They have a beautiful home with horses and everything to make for a good time. We thank them for being so welcoming to us. We enjoyed ourselves. Hope we get invited back again. There were 10 members present and it was a great gathering. Hope we have more members present next year at this annual event. If you weren't there, you and yours missed a great time.

Thanks,
Judy Bennett

STAR CITY CRUISE-IN AND MOTOR MADNESS SILENT AUCTION

The Cruise-In on Williamson Road happened on the Friday evening of June 28. Our usual parking lot at Budget Signs was a welcome spot for our members, who brought out and parked several VW's, along with folding chairs and tables for the desserts and sides. We purchased hot dogs from the local Relay for Life staff, which made great food for us and a much easier cleanup! We spent the evening watching cool cars cruise up and down Williamson, hanging out and telling car stories. It was great! Saturday morning came early, with set-up for the Silent Auction starting at 7:00. The downtown Motor Madness Silent Auction presented donated items as varied as carwash and detail kits from Advance Auto to a garage clock and tool sets. Thanks go to all who worked the set-up, and then to those who watched over the table until the auction's end.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH GAMES

This year's Commonwealth Games concession sales, from July 19-21, went very well. Many of our club members worked the concession booth, and the hotdogs flew off the grill! Both gyms had games every day, and our place was the place to eat. Customers complimented our well-run stand. The players bought all of our brownies, cakes and pickles, and almost cleaned out our Ring Pops and ice-cold Gatorades. Thanks to all of our members who made this weekend event a success. It required a lot of work, but was definitely worth it! The Pickle War will replay in 2014!

SAND RAIL PROJECT

With our club meeting scheduled on the first Monday of every month, the second Monday is the logical choice for the club to work on the ongoing Sand Rail Project. We have met four times on this mission. We have the engine and transmission from a donor 1967 Beetle to install in our sand rail frame. The engine has been removed, and members are prepping it for its new home, with much cleaning, priming and painting. We were glad to find the cylinder compression was fine, with all cylinders between 110-140 psi., and no noticeable endplay at the crank. No rebuild is necessary!



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UPCOMING EVENT

Ice Cream Social

Bratcher's on 460

Saturday, August 10

2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

9 - Club Meeting

16 - Tech Night at Mel's

OCTOBER

7 - Club Meeting

14 - Tech Night at Mel's

NOVEMBER

4 - Club Meeting

11 - Tech Night at Mel's

The Roanoke Valley Volkswagen Club, established in 1995, is dedicated to the love of Volkswagens. An interest in Volkswagens of any model, or year, is the only requirement for membership. We have small dues. We welcome all types of VW: Beetles, Ghias, Busses, Dune Buggies, Water-cooled, everything that has a VW nameplate. You don't even have to own a Volkswagen to attend our events. Just come to enjoy the company of other VW enthusiasts. We meet on the first Monday of every month, unless it is a holiday - then it will be the second Monday. We currently meet at Famous Anthony's on West Main Street in Salem, Va. Arrive early for dinner, meetings start around 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!