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Membership of Club Veedub Sydney is open to all Volkswagen owners. The cost is \$45 for 12 months.

### Monthly meetings.

Monthly Club Veedub Sydney meetings are held at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, on the third Thursday of each month, from 7:30 pm. All our members, friends and visitors are most welcome.

### Correspondence.

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### Our magazine.

Zeitschrift is published monthly by Club Veedub Sydney Inc. We welcome all letters and contributions of general VW interest. These may be edited for reasons of space, clarity, spelling or grammar. Deadline for all contributions is the first Thursday of each month.

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## **Presidents Report**

Welcome to Australia's premier Volkswagen event, the VW Nationals 2022.

The committee and I hope you and your family have an interesting and entertaining day at our show. This is our thirty third year, the VW movement seems to be growing stronger every year. We have worked very hard to present the best VW car show in Australia.

It's great to see the influx of water-cooled Volkswagens, covering all types and year models from the 70s to the present day. Hopefully these new recruits to the VW show scene will aspire to a bonding of friends similar to what has happened with the air-cooled generations.

This year we have a Track Day / Super Sprint at Luddenham Raceway. In the past the club has run events at Wakefield Park and South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park. These events required an army of volunteers to run the event, we feel this is much easier event for the club to have. We all had a great time last year so we are going to do it again, **venue rules, no spectators.**

I hope our event appeals to you and your family and you become inspired by the display of vehicles and traders over the weekend, and In sure you will see many fine VWs in the outside car park and wonder why they aren't inside with the rest of the cars, well we wonder the same thing, so short of lassoing the owners and forcing them to enter their cars there is nothing we can do about it.

In the centre of this program you will find our event listing for the weekend. We thank Fairfield City for the use of their facilities. The complex is ideal for our show as everything is within easy walking distance. Don't forget to purchase your Nationals regalia from the Club Vee Dub Sydney stand in the car show area. While you're there, enjoy the VW movies on the big TV and purchase some raffle tickets in the Nationals raffle.

This year we will again be using the same

judging format for the air cooled VWs that we used last year which is a peer judging system which has been in use by the water cooled cars for sometime, this form of judging has been in place for many other VW shows in Australia and around the world. The way this will run is by each entrant receiving one judging form, they can vote for a car in each category. air or water cooled. We again have a concourse class this year, for standard vehicles only, more details in the centre section of this magazine.

I hope you have a great time at the VW Nationals 2022

Steve Carter



## **Greetings from Canberra,**



With life slowly getting back to normal and mass gatherings allowed, getting out in our VeeDubs has become easier here in Canberra. We have been able to attend a few events conducted recently, trying to make the most of the fading summer and autumn before the cold weather sets in.

As reported in the last issue, we attended the annual Shannons Wheels Cars Show – ACT event in early March at the Queanbeyan Showgrounds along with all other local car clubs and car enthusiasts. The wet weather

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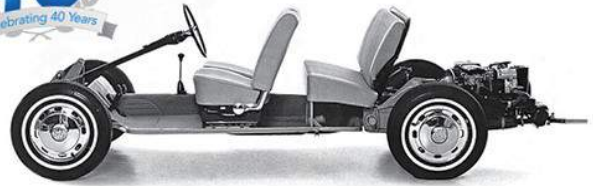
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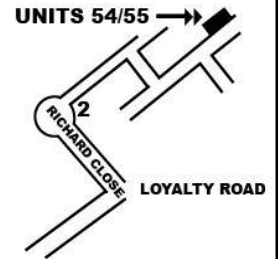
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preceding and forecasted for the day of the event resulted in lower numbers for all clubs; however we still had a decent showing at the VeeDub camp.

Unfortunately, as most will be aware, the Berry Blast from the Past planned for 03 April at the Berry Bowling Club was postponed until 05 June. An event we always look forward to each year with an enjoyable cruise to Berry and back to stretch the legs of our VeeDubs. We had a number who were committed to attend and hope they will be able to join us in June.

During April on one of our regular Coffee meets, the club decided to pick an alternate destination rather than our usual at 'The Flags'. Not only was this decided upon to give a bit of variety, but intel told us that the 'protesters' were planning on another assault of Parliament House that weekend, which always results in traffic chaos in the Parliamentary Triangle. The Gang Gang Café in the leafy suburb of Downer in Canberra's north was chosen and a fantastic morning of VWs, great company and stimulating conversation was achieved. You can read a report in this event further into this edition of the magazine.

This year will see the return of the Volkswagen Spectacular (aka Valla, aka McValla) up at Macksville on the NSW mid-north coast, from the 24th of July. We are hoping that no more COVID restrictions or other issues get in the way of the running of this tremendous event. The poor Pell family and their helpers have had to postpone a couple of times in recent years and we are really looking forward to getting up there again for this fantastic event. For those Canberra based members who intend on joining us up there and would like to camp with the 'Canberra Crew' at the showgrounds, please notate on your application forms of this and let me know, as Donna and I compare our notes to try and keep us all together.

Monthly meetings are back on; however with a venue and day change enacted. Thanks to the German Harmonie Club going through extensive renovations and limited space availability, we have decided to move our meeting next door to the Spanish Club. These will also be moved to the first Tuesday night of

the month (rather than the first Monday), thanks to availability and the fact we historically missed a few due to public holidays. This info will have been emailed out to current members and placed on our Facebook pages.

As always – keep an eye on Facebook for updates and notifications of all things Canberra VeeDub.

Willie.

Facebook: Public Group – Club VeeDub Canberra Chapter

## Club Calendar 2022 & 2023

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### May.

**Thursday 12th:- Committee Meeting and magazine pack** at the Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield, from 7:30pm.

**Saturday 14th:- Flat Four's Autumn Cruise.** Join our VW friends for a relaxing Autumn cruise! Meet at Indian Automotive, 2/143 Coreen Ave Penrith, from 9:00am for a shop tour and expert VW advice. Depart at 10:30am for a 90-min cruise to the Paradise Cafe, 766 River Rd Lower Portland, and lunch beside the Hawkesbury River. Make sure you have a full tank of fuel! Contact Kevin on 0417 480905 for more info. For those fancying a coffee first, meet at the McDonalds, M4 westbound service area, from 8:00 am for an 8:45 am departure.

**Thursday 19th:- CLUB VW MONTHLY MEETING at the Strathfield Golf Club,** 52 Weeroona Rd Strathfield. Get the latest VW news and views, plus VW socialising, drinks, raffles, trivia and plenty of prizes. Enjoy the Club's bistro and sports bar too. Lots of fun, all welcome. 8:00pm start.

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**Sunday 22nd:- VW NATIONALS 2022** at Fairfield Showgrounds, Smithfield Rd Prarieewood. Our biggest VW Show of the year is back! 44 peer-judged categories, plus special Concours and perpetual trophies. VW trade stands, new car display, Swapmeet, kids' rides, music and entertainment, great food and drink, VW fun all day. Gates open 7:30am.

## June.

**Thursday 2nd:- Magazine Cut-off Date** for articles, letters and For-Sales.

**Sunday 5th:- Berry Blast From The Past VW show at Berry Bowling Club,** 140 Queen St (the old highway), Berry. Gates open 9am, vehicle entry \$20. Gold coin donation for public entry. People's Choice and Raffle Draw at 1pm. All proceeds to Can Assist. Hosted by the Shoalhaven Volkswagen Club. Contact Dave Becker on 0402 003965. See page 15 for more information.

**Tuesday 7th:- Canberra General Meeting at the Spanish Club,** 5 Narupai Place, Narrabundah, from 7:30pm.

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**Sunday 19th:- East Hills Charity Car Show at Kelso Oval, Panania.** This family charity event attracts car lovers from all over NSW, this year supporting the fight against bowel cancer. All classic makes and models welcome. Trophies to be won in numerous categories. Show cars enter through the gates on Marco Ave, off Childs St. A great family day out, food and drink stands, music and entertainment, motor accessory traders. Phone Glen on 0434 360791 for more info. Join the Club VW convoy at McDonalds Moorebank (Newbridge Rd) at 8:00am for an 8:30 departure. [www.easthillscarshow.com.au](http://www.easthillscarshow.com.au)

## July.

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**Saturday 30th - Sunday 31st: VW Spectacular 2022 at Macksville.** These are the main activity dates, but events are on the whole week before. Local VW sightseeing cruises and activities; movies, markets, go-kart racing. Saturday giant VW convoy and street parade at Nambucca Heads; Swap meet and markets; fund-raising charity dinner and auction. Sunday car show at Macksville with Top 10 Shootout, swap meet, traders. Fun VW



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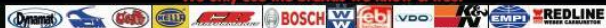


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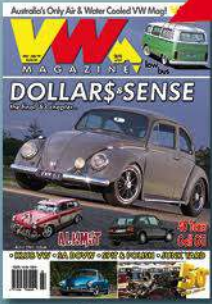
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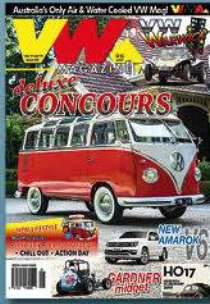
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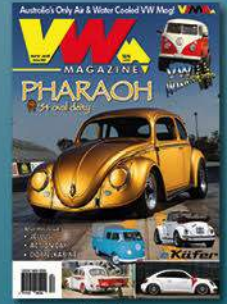
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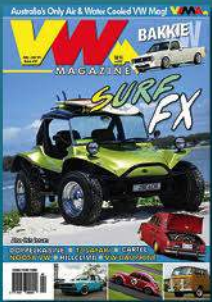
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### September & October.

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**Sunday 30th:- German Autofest at Tempe**, see page 18 for more details.

## 2023

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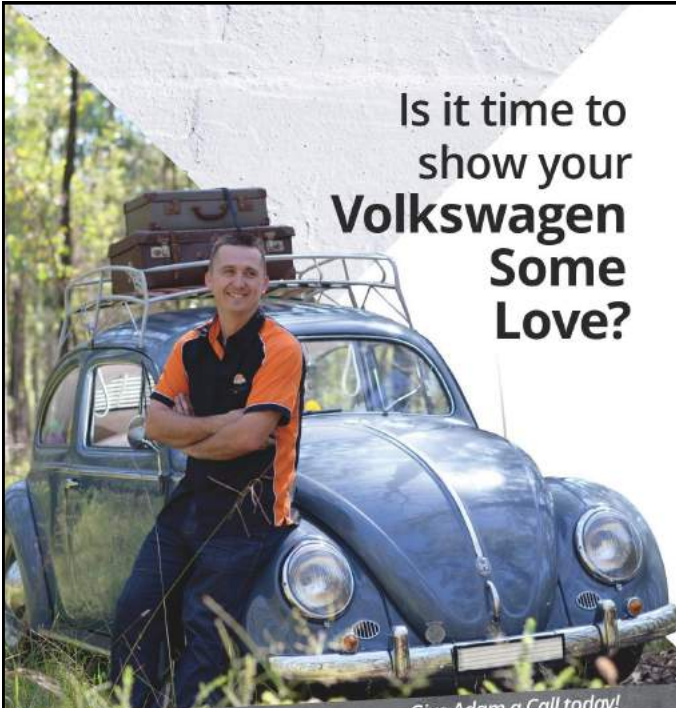
The Canberra Chapter attempt to conduct at least one official Coffee Cruise each month, with a meeting point, cruise and a destination café for any VeeDub enthusiast to get their cars out, grab a coffee and have a chat.



On 10 April, we decided to meet up at Old Parliament House and cruise over to the Northern Suburb of Downer to the Gang Gang Café for our caffeine fix. Apart from a change of scenery, a different destination was decided upon due to the reports that protestors were expected to march on Parliament House on this weekend, which always results in major traffic disruptions in the parliamentary triangle (where The Flags' are located).

Of course, not all great ideas go to plan, and this event was no different. On the morning of







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the event it was realised that the Canberra Half Marathon was taking place and as such there were many road closures within the Parliamentary Triangle where the run route was conducted. A quick change of plans to meet at Russell Offices car park was sent out on social media, which in hindsight wasn't such a great idea. This location was still too near to the marathon route and the road closures and detours in place effected the roads around Russell Offices as well. A few members had a hard time getting to the meeting point and were told either on social media or by phone, to make their way to the café destination to avoid any further hold-ups.

Unfortunately, one of the Karman Ghias developed a fuel problem and decided not to proceed just after leaving the meeting point. A couple of other VeeDubbers stayed with the stricken KG while the rest of us continued to the Café. Thankfully the fuel issue was diagnosed and repaired quickly and they ended up only five minutes behind the rest of us. We picked up a couple along the way and a couple more met us at the destination, where we all

parked up together before getting that all-important coffee.

Thanks to the wonderful Autumn weather (after many days of gloomy wet weather), most hung around for quite a while, having a chat and answering many questions from other café patrons who admired all the VeeDubs lined up.

Another great catch-up with fellow enthusiasts – it's these type of low-key events with such great people that make the VeeDub scene so easy and fun to enjoy.

Willie.

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## Saturday 21st May

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The cost will be \$250 for the day. You are allowed to take a passenger in the car, and also nominate a second driver in the same vehicle, both for an extra fee. Numbers are strictly limited, so book in with the track asap We invite Volkswagen racers, air or water-cooled, to take part! The track is privately run, so no CAMS licence is required. Stock vehicles are OK, or wheel out your special souped-up VW! You'll need a helmet and long sleeve clothing. **Unfortunately no spectators are allowed.**

You must pre-book and pay - you cannot just turn up on the day.

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7:30 am - General admission gates open

8:00 am - 3:00 pm - Car Show assembly & Swapmeet

10:30am - Car Show Entry Closes

11.00 am - First Raffle Draw

12:30 pm - Peer Judging Forms CLOSED

1.00pm Final raffle draw

3:00 pm - Trophy Presentation

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Entries to all categories close at **10:30 am** sharp.

**Ballots MUST be returned to the Club VW judging area no later than 12:30 pm.**

## Car Show Categories

### Air cooled

- 1 Beetle - up to 1957 - Standard
- 2 Beetle - up to 1957 - Modified
- 3 Beetle - 1958 to 1967 - Standard
- 4 Beetle - 1958 to 1967 - Modified
- 5 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Standard
- 6 Beetle - 1968 onwards - Modified
- 7 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Standard
- 8 Kombi T1 - up to 1967 - Modified
- 9 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Standard
- 10 Kombi T2 - 1968 to 1979 - Modified
- 11 Transporter T3 - 1981 to 1992 - All
- 12 Type 3 and Type 4 - Standard
- 13 Type 3 and Type 4 - Modified
- 14 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Standard
- 15 Karmann Ghia - All Years - Modified
- 16 Factory Karmann Cabriolet - All Years - All
- 17 Factory Off-Road - Air-cooled - All
- 18 VW Factory Exotics (Brasilia, SP, Puma) - All
- 19 Non-factory Off-road, Buggies, Trikes - All
- 20 Aussie Kit Cars and Convertibles - All
- 21 Best Engineered/Race - Air-cooled - All
- 22 Rat class - All Years - All
- 41 Concours d'Elegance
  
- 42 Peoples Choice Air Cooled
- 44 Ray Pleydon Award
- 45 Brian Walker Award

### Water Cooled

- 23 Polo, Up! A All Years
- 24 Golf 1 - 1976 to 1983
- 25 Golf 2 - 1984 to 1992
- 26 Golf 3 - 1993 to 1997
- 27 Golf 4 - 1998 to 2003
- 28 Golf 5 - 2004 to 2008
- 29 Golf 6 - 2009 to 2012
- 30 Golf 7/8 2013 onwards
- 31 VW Convertible - (Golf Cabrio, Eos) - All
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The performance and safety attributes of quattro continue to drive the popularity of the system to this day – both in road going vehicles and in motorsport, but quattro is a very different animal now to the system that started the legend.

At the end of 2020, nearly half of all Audis sold worldwide that year had quattro drive – some 750,000 of them. Audi offers quattro drive in each of its different model ranges, and since the all-wheel drive models were first produced, Audi has built more than 12,500,000 to date.

Of course there are different types of quattro for different applications these days. The S, RS and R models all feature quattro drive as standard, tailored to their high-performance needs, working with the likes of a sports differential and torque vectoring to best distribute torque between the wheels for maximum grip and performance.

Indeed four different all-wheel drive clutches and four different centre diffs are used across the Audi model range, and then there is the latest, e-quattro – which uses no clutches or differentials at all.

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It's a far cry from the original system that first captured the imagination on the snow-covered roads of Scandinavia in the winter of 1976/77. No one could have foreseen the quantum shift quattro would cause in the automotive world almost immediately, or that over 40 years



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It's the modified cars that really exemplify the blankness of this canvas though. There are the so-called SoCal-style Bugs with heavily raked postures, more metal flake than a bass boat, and more chrome than a Cadillac twice their size, and on the other side of the ground clearance spectrum you've got your jacked-up, rock-hopping Baja Bugs adorned with enough skid plates and bash bars to carve out an existence in Mad Max's version of Australia.



There are also those who've transformed the People's Car into a track car, but while the majority of circuit-prepared Beetles are sort of tongue-in-cheek by nature—an essentially 1930s design will never be on the cutting edge of performance—there are always exceptions.

This car, playfully referred to by its creator as a "VW 1303 RS" (a nod to both this car's rennsport influences and Porsche's naming convention), is not just a standout among the members of its massive family tree however. This is a seriously impressive car that doesn't need caveats or comedy to explain its existence. The amount of hours and energy

that Christian Stelzer has funneled into this project can be seen as a product of his ongoing life's passion for racing and motorsport-focused engineering.


It's impossible to pinpoint any meaningful beginning to an obsession with cars when said obsession is as complete as Christian's, but we can rewind the timeline to his first car, which was a light blue Volkswagen Beetle. He was 18 years old when he bought it, and while any car will be rightly cherished if it's the very first you've owned, it's clear that Christian's Beetle left a bigger impact than is usual. It is also worth mentioning that his father and older brother both drove Beetles before Christian got his, so perhaps there's a hereditary component to his love for the Bug.

As stories like these often go, Christian moved on to different cars as his interest and bank account grew out of his teenage years, with the VW being relegated to a fond memory of simpler times and youthful freedom. A motorsport fan living in Germany is wont to end up at the Nürburgring on a pretty regular basis, though, and after one of these trips Christian found himself in dire need of another Beetle. He'd just spent the day watching the Käfer Cup ("Beetle Cup"), and decided that he wanted to build his own motorsport-inspired version.

He was set on finding a Beetle painted the same colour as his first—Marathon Blue—but the eventual outcome would be about as far from a "first car" spec as possible. Knowing the extent of the project beforehand meant he wasn't too picky about the condition of the base car, and it didn't take long for Christian to



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find a Marathon Blue 1973 example in need of some attention. He proceeded to tear the whole car down to its base components, and got to work building from the chassis up. It's a project that's taken years to complete, but it's also the type of ongoing, always improving build that keeps evolving. A raft of race car parts found their way onto Christian's Beetle, and whenever he found a lack of aftermarket support or ran into hurdles adapting parts to fit, he simply engineered his own. To describe the full extent of what's been done to reach this point would be an exercise in making a very long and technical list, but if the photos don't convey just how mental this thing is, there are some highlights to help colour in the picture.

For starters, the motor is a heavily modified Type 4 swap that Christian has enlarged to a comparatively massive capacity of 2.6 litres, which is fed by a pair of Weber 48 IDA dual-throat downdraft carburetors. Together with a Shleicher camshaft which helps raise the compression above 11:1, the dry-sumped air-cooled motor produces 210hp. That's not a staggering number in absolute terms, but when you consider that it's almost three times as powerful as it was in stock form, and that it's



propelling a car that weighs in comfortably below the 1800-pound mark (816 kg), you can start to get form an idea of how quick this car is.

Seeing as literally every nut and bolt of this Beetle has not only been replaced, but also scrutinized and carefully chosen by Christian to save weight, the chassis and suspension components are at least as impressive as the powertrain. Adjustable Koni struts are up front, while Bilstein holds up the rear, and Eibach double springs are on all four corners, while the sway bars and other bracing are fitted with beautiful aluminium and titanium components to attach them to the chassis. The trapeze-type stabilizers in the rear are an adjustable design, as are the Porsche-esque cross bars under the trunk. And all this adjustability does not go to waste either, given



that Christian regularly brings his Beetle out for on-track exercise at circuits like the Salzburgring, Hockenheim, Spa, and of course the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

Like any thoughtfully and thoroughly built track car, Christian hasn't neglected any aspect of this Beetle—as evidenced by the massive AP Racing four-piston callipers hiding behind the magnesium BBS E49 wheels—but unlike most track cars, this one is clean enough to park on top of a mirror at a car show. Given that Christian has made a career at Mercedes-Benz working in body development—to say nothing of his direct and constant involvement with privateer and amateur motorsport—the bodywork of his Beetle is materially different than a standard model—both literally and

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low” decibel exhaust setup, Christian doesn’t wish to push his luck.

But no matter the company it finds itself among, this Beetle has more than earned its rennsport designation, and while we’ve all probably made the hackneyed joke about 911s being glorified Beetles, this particular one has surely passed its share of Porsches in the Green Hell too.

figuratively, seeing as many of the panels are carbon fibre recreations.

The sunroof has been plugged with a plane of carbon fibber, the dashboard retains much of its original shape but has also been replaced with a lighter carbon piece, as are the second set of doors that can easily be swapped in and out. The fenders have of course been augmented outwards to accommodate a wider track, and if you’d believe it, almost all of this is TÜV approved. Though given the car is often wearing racing slicks and has a distinctly “not-





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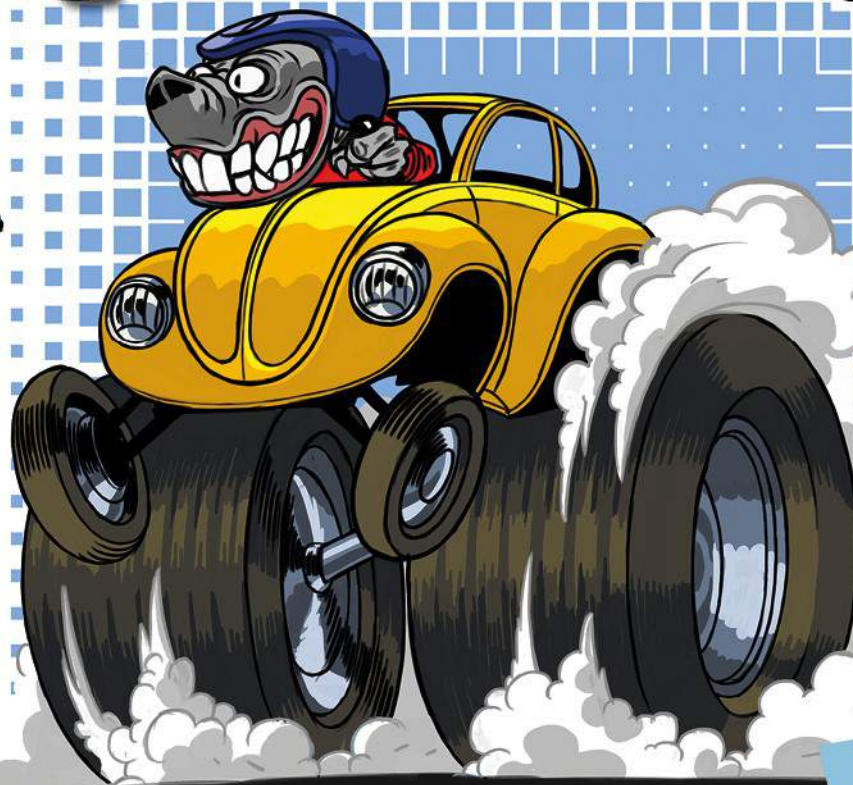
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