



FLRVWC NEWS

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6 members joined in the July 4th parade.
Joyce (& Banana), Steve, Jason, Brad, Dave M, Mary.
As usually, the spectators loved seeing us & cheered us on!

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AUGUST 8 EVENT

WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 8 (Rain Date Sunday August 15)

TIME: 11:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

WHAT: Visit to Jason's Bug Mill, outdoor informal show & lunch



WHERE: Jason Haag's VW Hangout
4957 Transit Road
Holley, NY 14470
(corner of Brown Schoolhouse & Transit Rd,
7 miles west of Brockport off Route 31a)

jasonhaag73@outlook.com
585-368-8694

Member Jason Haag has invited the club to his Volkswagen Indoor Hangout. We can enjoy looking at the many (30+) VW's and other vehicles Jason has collected over the years, both inside and outside his garage. **Jason will have parking available around his yard to park your Volkswagens to display.**

LUNCH & BEVERAGES WILL ALSO BE SERVED AROUND 12:30

No cost to members, compliments of the club! **PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIRS**
In order to prepare enough lunch PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 1st
EMAIL: Joycec@rochester.rr.com/CALL OR TEXT: 585-670-0129

JULY 16TH EVENT

WHEN: FRIDAY JULY 16 (Rain Date Friday July 23)

TIME: 5:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.

WHERE: Damascus Shrine Center of 979 Bay Road in Webster

The management is allowed us to reserve spaces so that our club could all park together and have a mini car show, as we did 2 years ago. We had a great turnout in 2019, with over 20 Volkswagens there that night.

Cruise Night



WE WILL TARGET FRIDAY JULY 16 FOR OUR GROUP TO JOIN TOGETHER AT THE FRIDAY CRUISE NIGHT.

IF WEATHER DOESN'T COOPERATE, WE WILL TRY THE NEXT WEEK FRIDAY JULY 23.

RSVP NOT REQUIRED, BUT HELPFUL FOR JOYCE TO RESERVE ENOUGH PARKING SPACES.

SEPTEMBER 12TH EVENT

WHERE: NEW YORK MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION
 WHEN: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
 TIME: ARRIVAL BETWEEN 11:00—11:30



Entrance to the museum complex is located at 6393 East River Road, and can be reached from I-390 exit 11, taking Route 251 West (Rush-Scottsville Rd) for 1-1/2 miles to East River Road, turning right and going 1 mile. When using GPS or on-line map programs, use the following address: 6393 East River Road, West Henrietta, NY.

Admission prices for 2021 are \$10 adults, \$9 seniors 65+, and \$6 youths 3 - 12. The admission ticket includes the scenic 2 mile trolley ride.

The New York Museum of Transportation houses fourteen full size trolley cars, a caboose, steam locomotive, antique highway and horse-drawn vehicles, and the various associated smaller items that illuminate our transportation history. An 11' x 21' HO-gauge model railroad operates five trains and two trolleys at one time. Pump-type handcars, track inspection velocipede, signs, baggage carts, diesel engine cutaways, cap badges, track tools and lots of other artifacts complement the many photo exhibits and interpretive displays. The Gallery features a rare color film of the Rochester Subway. A big hit with visitors is the trolley car from the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant, open for display. The visitor Center contains a display of "O" gauge models of trolley cars that once served the area, and the exquisite modules by Donovan Shilling recreate moments in time from the turn of the last century. Visitors can also relive holiday memories with an exhibit of the Midtown Plaza Monorail.



On certain Sundays your visit includes a scenic 2-mile round trip trolley ride (check the 2021 event calendar for trolley ride dates, times, and [reservations](#)). Your half-hour excursion on the only trolley ride in New York State is aboard one of the museum's 87-year-old trolley cars. You'll hear the clickety-clack on the rail joints and toots from the air whistle at grade crossings, as you travel to Midway Station. There, the Conductor will reverse the poles on the car for the return trip through the beautiful Genesee Valley countryside.

OUR CLUB WILL BE SHOWCASED AS WE ARE ALLOWED TO PARK OUR CARS ON THE LAWN....PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 11:00- 11:30. WE WILL ALSO HAVE SEATS RESERVED FOR OUR GROUP TO TAKE THE 12:30 TROLLEY RIDE. Then at 1:00 we hope to reserve the private trolley car in the museum for our lunch (I will be ordering in our refreshments) More on that as we get closer to the date.

We will need to have a count in early so that the trolley car ride can be reserved (they are not running the ride every week right now and operating at 50% capacity, but that can go up as time passes)

**In order to reserve trolley ride PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15th to Joyce
 EMAIL: Joycec@rochester.rr.com
 CALL OR TEXT: 585-670-0129**

TOY TALK BY: David Clark

THE SECRET AGENT WHO CREATED THE KARMANN GHIA"

Up to this point, I was under the impression that Volkswagen executives, along with outsiders, decided that to upscale the Volkswagen line, they would have a Volkswagen sports coupe. According to Hagerty Media, there was another player in this decision. The story starts in September 1943 and the Nazis are destroying Naples, Italy. In the city, was a young soldier by the name of Luigi Segre. He and fellow Neapolitan's prevented the German Troops from destroying Naples as ordered by Hitler. October 1, 1943, Allied soldiers arrived, Segre found the Americans, and told them he wanted to fight. After short periods of training, Segre found himself parachuting behind enemy lines in the Piedmont region of Northern Italy, home to the auto making city of Turin. There he became a liaison between anti-Nazi Italian partisans and the office of Strategic Services-the precursor to the CIA. He learned English quickly, earned the respect of his commanders, and built connections that would lead to him creating the Karmann Ghia. Allied Command recommended Segre for his actions, which landed him in the university, which he graduated from with a degree in engineering. Upon graduation, he started working at Siata, an Italian tuning shop, working on everything, including improving the performance of mopeds. This turned out to be extremely important for the moped market, allowing it to surge. By the 1950's, Segre found himself working for Ghia, in Turin. Owner Felice Mario Boano initially had him working part time, but soon recognized his skills, and promoted him to part-owner of the company. While attending various motor shows, Segre became familiar with Dr. Wilhelm Karmann, Jr. He and Segre hit it off, and Karmann approached him with a proposal. His company already had the contract for the Volkswagen Beetle Cabriolet. What about something that married the sensible economy of the Beetle floorpan with gorgeous Italian styling? Segre said he'd think about it. In reality, the wheels were already turning. The proposal was made at a show in 1952, and Segre promptly made plans to obtain a Beetle and began working in secret, along with Ghia's Boano. In the summer of 1953, he invited Karmann and Volkswagen executives to France to view the fully finished prototype.

Segre's reasoning behind the secrecy was that he believed Volkswagen would turn down the idea supported only by sketches. In fact, VW had already turned down Karmann's previous overtures. His plan worked: Volkswagen loved the little coupe, and wanted it to go into production. The Karmann Ghia had been born. The Type 14, as the Karmann Ghia is known, went into production in late summer of 1955.

The toy feature this month is a Karmann Ghia convertible made in 1960 by Bandai of Japan. As described by Vintage Volkswagen models and toys, "BANDAI was founded in 1950, when Naoharu Yamashina took over a former textile wholesales company, that he himself had restructured into distributing toys. He renamed it BANDAI, which was derived from the Chinese phrase for "things that are eternal." At this time the firm was mainly selling celluloid and metallic toys, along with rubber swimming rings. In March 1951, BANDAI, Asakusa, Tokyo, Japan, began to export inexpensive toys like metal cars and planes to the United States and other foreign markets. In early 1955, BANDAI established a manufacturing facility, the Waraku Works and started making toys themselves too. In the early 1960s, BANDAI began to establish direct overseas sales and opened an office in New York. Tin pieces form the 1/22nd scale Karmann Ghia, including the headlights and front and rear bumpers. There are seam lines of the doors, raised door handles, rear air louvers and taillights. A very colorful tin lithograph interior insert with dashboard and plastic steering wheel. The tin chassis has a friction motor. Rubber tires with metal hubcaps and a VW logo". The bottom of the metal chassis reads: "KARMANN GHIA, BANDAI TRADEMARK (surrounded by) SIGN OF QUALITY, MADE IN JAPAN, Like many of my toys, this was purchased by my parents in the early 1960's for me as a child.

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Classified Advertisements

Please send your ads to FLRVWC c/o joycec@rochester.rr.com. All ads are free to club members. Ads will run for one month unless you notify editor to continue the ad.

FOR SALE: Club logo T-Shirts, \$12, (please call for size availability)

Club logo color window decals, \$2.

Bug Bust dash plaques, \$1 each.

Beetle Stress Ball with commemorative 20th anniversary club logo, \$2

Call Joyce for details or ordering (585) 670-0129 or e-mail joycec@rochester.rr.com.

AVAILABLE: Beetle tow bar, fits standard Beetles (not for Super Beetle). Club members are welcome to use this tow bar for no charge for up to two weeks. A \$60. Cash deposit and liability release is required. Tow bar accepts a 2 inch trailer hitch ball.

Call Joyce for reserving (585) 670-0129 or e-mail joycec@rochester.rr.com.

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Restorations, Auto Services & Repairs Provided by club members

Need your air cooled VW repaired or tuned?

Engine work, brakes, etc...

We have 3 current members who have years of experience working on Bugs, Dune Buggies, etc.

**Jeff Van Hoover 315-589-7486 or
jvanhoover@williamsoncentral.org Williamson**

**Steve Crispino 585-755-5920 or
steve.crispino@gmail.com Webster**

Jason Haag can help you with mechanical and metal/welding repairs on air cooled VW's.
Just west of Brockport
585-368-8694 or jasonhaag73@outlook.com

Eaton Driving School: Member David Clark offers the 6 hour point/insurance reduction class.
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2021 FLRVWC Activities Calendar TBD

Date	Activity	Host
May —	CANCELLED Fly-In Breakfast	David Vanhoover
June —	CANCELLED German Festival in Lima	Don/Jennie Brown
July 4—Sunday	Irondequoit July 4th Parade	Joyce Crispino
July 16—Friday	Damascus Cruise Night	Joyce Crispino
August 8—Sunday	(RAIN DATE 8/15) Visit to Jason's Bug Mill	Jason Haag
September 12 Sun	New York Museum of Transportation	Joyce Crispino