

VP Corner by Fred Nelson

Recently I've been doing a lot of motor work on "the Bruiser". I purchased a used 34 carb which I installed only to find out it was bad. When I called the guy about it he said no problem he had a few more. Another trip resulted in yet another bad carb (this one had a stripped out electro magnetic idle jet) so I called the guy yet a 3rd time. He said he'd bring a good carb over the next day. Next, I called club member Tom Blevins (certified VW mechanic) and asked him if he could meet us when the 3rd carb arrived. Tom agreed to do so without hesitation. (100 mi round trip)

The next day, after Tom put the carb on, he had to readjust everything to get it to idle because accelerator pump had been over tightened during the rebuild so far that it leaked from 2 sides. Tom stopped the leak and ultimately got it to idle, finally. Ultimately I had to replace this with a new unit, also from Roy Rogers.

At the time of the carb purchase, I had also purchased a 1 wire alternator. You guessed it, it too did not work properly. Once more, I called the guy who said he'd give me my money back. In the meantime I purchased one new from Roy Rogers with plans on returning to the guy in a day or two. However, with holidays fast upon us at the time, I was not free to make the trip until January 4th, but when I called to set up a time to return the alternator he said I'd had it too long and he would not give me any money back.

It is for these reasons that it is my opinion that sometimes buying used parts is not a wise choice. It can cost you down time and money in the long run.

Tom Blevins, thank you for all your help with these issues. Your assistance and time spent driving back and forth was worth way more than the serving of my wife's apple crisp you finally accepted as payment (although my wife IS a pretty good cook).

GROOVE's Calendar Of Events 2009

February 21st, Saturday - 3rd Annual Chili Fest & Meeting 4 pm @ Jay & Vicky Myer's home.
Bring Chili or a side dish, BYO beverage. Please RSVP by Feb 16th, 417.827.9978

March 14th, Saturday - Springfield's St Patrick's Day parade 2 pm

March 21st, Saturday, Meeting @ Allen & Marion Penrod's 4 pm, Springfield/MO
(GROOVE provides burgers & hot dogs) bring a side & byob.

April 18th, Saturday, Meeting @ Springfield Imports @ 2pm.

2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt to follow.

May 9th, Saturday, Meeting/Trophy Build/Goody Bag Stuffing for JBJ 15
@ Duane & Kathy Duff's Home 2pm, Springfield/MO

JBJ XV - June 12-13, 2009, "RED, WHITE & BUGS" American Legion Hall, Show, Campout, Slo Drags

July 25th, Saturday, Meeting/BBQ/Pool Party @ Jay & Vicky's Home

(GROOVE provides meat—bring a side dish)

(Backyard Drive In, Campout & Breakfast)

August 15th, Saturday, Meeting & Seymour Drive In (more info to follow)

September 19th, Saturday, Meeting, Cruisin' the Ozarks & 3rd Annual Wild Hat Party
@ Mark & Tina Solari's, Kissee Mills/MO.

October 11th, Saturday, Meeting & Annual Halloween Party @ Al & Becky Conway's, Rogersville/MO,
6:00pmish (GROOVE Provides meat, bring a side)

November 7th, Saturday, C of O Homecoming Parade, Point Lookout/MO (line-up @ 1pm)

November 8th, Sunday, Crosslines Cruise (meet @ 1:30 @ Kickapoo High School)

Meeting @ NOON, K-Mart Snack Bar, South Campbell.

More To Follow On Each Event