

Kubel Treffen East 2009 ... by GROOVE member Lorie Church

We headed to Bardstown, KY at a dark thirty towing the Thing in the trailer and pulled into Bardstown KY around 3 pm that Friday. This is a really nice show which is in the hotel parking lot where we were staying. Friday, meet and greet and this year we had an Ice Cream Social. You also pick up your goodie bag and T shirts, get to see friends from the last show and of course meet some new ones. We always park the truck and trailer behind the hotel and pull the Thing around closest to our room. We were on the 2nd floor, so we had a bird's eye view of the show. Saturday morning the show starts at 8am. We put our chairs on the porch of the down stairs and enjoyed walking around and seeing all the Things. This year there were about 80 Things. Throughout the day they have door prizes, play music with the word "thing" in it, also had "A Chase the Nut" (no I did not chase Carl around!) "Slow Drag" "Spark Plug Change" and "Thing Trivia". The Thing Shop from Arizona sets up a tent and we must have made at least 10 trips across the parking lot to pick up this, check that, and add to the thing(I always take a catalog and make a wish list !). There are also vendors there and they sale thing parts, shirts, anything VW and sometimes the whole Thing. At 3pm they have the awards ceremony, this year they selected the top 25 "Judges Choice", we won one of these and the trophy was a license plate and bracket (which was pretty cool!) we also won the Best Display Trophy which is a glass plate etched with " Best Display" and the Kubel Treffen seal (Now Carl can't complain about all the stuff I take with me to the shows or maybe he just wants a bigger car trailer!) After the awards ceremony they have a catered BarBQ dinner and we do a little more visiting. We decided to take the Thing for a cruise into Bardstown where they were having a Hot Rod car show and all the Things ended up there. Their judges gave each of us a dash plaque from that show. After that we headed across town to the local Sonic Drive In and took up every spot with a Thing. We visited and talked some more & ate more ice cream. Sunday morning they have their cruise, this year was a drive through the Kentucky countryside to Fort Knox with a visit to General Patton's Museum. It was about an hour's drive so Carl followed us in the truck with trailer and we headed home from there. If you want you can go to their web site at kubeltreffeneast@homestead.com go down to "pictures from KTK 2009" and take a look around. We're getting ready to make our reservations for this year's show which is July 10 & 11, 2010.



Check out the following video @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnH-HE9xx9A>

Drag Racing in the 70's ...Secretary w/o Skirt, Charles Hudson

Was just thinking about my old 59 and the time I had it at Ft Riley, Kansas in the Army. Since there were not a lot of us around in 1971/72 in the VW scene in Kan. I had no problem taking it to the drags on our runway at Ft Riley. Yes, I said the drags. No, it did not have a Porsche eng. or anything of the sort. Remember, I said 1971 and the ARMY. The income would never allow for such a thing. I remember very well running against a 62-63 Corvaire. They spotted me about 5 sec. My little 1200 (maybe 36 HP) was fitted w/headers and a parabolic stack on the carb. Well, to make a long story short, I lost! Of course he was running around 85-95 HP and a lot more cubes. But it was fun and cheap entertainment. Most of the troops there were running large cube old cars and running very well thank you. It was amazing how fast some of those old buckets were. We're not talking Mustang's or Camaro's, I mean Olds 88s etc. The hot stuff of that day were cars like the 69 GTX 440 (could really get you in trouble if you did not know big cubes). My other car was a 69 Impala w/327 and 2 spd. Was ok, nothing overly fast. Also in those days, you could buy off the show room, a Chev Belair w/427 vet eng and 4 spd. More than enough to put your head in the back seat on take-off. Those were the days of cars! Oh, I almost forgot, most of us had just come back from VietNam and needed the outlet. At least that was our excuse! Life seemed simpler.

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