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Wesley, "GO HUSKERS!!!"

Wesley, an avid Husker fan, was presented his **Husker Sports Wish** at the 10th Annual Blue Jean Ball in Omaha. Wesley's wish was presented by Frank & Kitty Shankwitz of Prescott, Arizona. Frank & Kitty are original founders of Make-A-Wish, formed in 1980.

Wesley's wish included the following:

- Courtside seating at the Men's Basketball final home game of the 2007-08 season
- Tickets to the Husker/Creighton Men's Baseball game at Hawks Field in April
- Tickets to a Husker Football game, which will include a special media pass
- Husker gear to wear for each of the above sports
- Five years' of season passes for Men's Husker Basketball games for two

Wesley enjoys all sports, but his first love is basketball. He's such an enthusiast that he serves as a towel handler for his favorite high school team, the Syracuse Rockets, and he also visits the Nebraska City's KNCY "Coaches Corner" radio show every Saturday.

Wesley attended the Men's Basketball final game of the 2008 season, and enjoyed the courtside seating with his brother, Levi. While sitting courtside, Dr. Tom Osborne came by, as did the UNL cheerleaders. Witnesses are not sure if Wesley or Levi was overheard to say, "Cool Chicks! We forgot to get their phone numbers."

The Huskers defeated Northern Colorado 68-49, and according to Wesley, it was "a big blowout!" Coach Sadler gave the credit for the big win to Wesley's good luck of being there to cheer them on.

After the game, Wesley and his family were given a tour of the locker room and met the players, as well as some of the new team for the 2009 basketball season. Coach Doc Sadler introduced himself and asked Wesley to join him on the post-game radio show with Kent Pavelka, who asked Wesley if he had any questions for Doc. Wesley asked, "What do you see for the team next year?"

While Wesley was on the radio with Doc Sadler, the players were busy autographing a pair of Aleks Maric's size 17 red shoes. Wesley happened to be wearing green shoes that day, and the team wasted no time in presenting him a pair of red ones.

Our thanks to the UNL Athletic Department for assisting with Wesley's wish, and to Coach Doc Sadler and the Men's Basketball Team, for the warm hospitality and friendliness shown to this avid Husker fan and his family.

Wesley's dad said Wesley had trouble sleeping the night before the basketball game, as he was so excited. Here's to many more sleepless nights for all of the right reasons! Enjoy your wish, Wesley!

The Omaha Volkswagen Club chose Make-A-Wish as their charity for 2008 at the December 2007 meeting.

OVWC Volks Trivia Questions For April 2008

Here are the Volks Trivia questions for this addition of the Club News Letter. You will find the answers to the questions on the back page. It's time to put those thinking caps on again and have some fun. In 1963, Volkswagenwerk invited 90 German newspapermen on a 1-week visit to the U.S. to witness VW's success in America.

Richard

1. If a person is talking about the A-Pillar they are referring to?
A. The main support for the nose of the transmission; B. The metal brace behind the front door of a bug; C. The roof support metal on either side of the front windshield; D. The roof support for a 1964 bug with a metal sun roof;
2. Nickname for the front turn signals used on 1958-63 Beetles?
A. Dog legs; B. Banana's; C. Cats Eye's; D. Peanut
3. What month and year did the Oil Pipe go from a welded pipe to a seamless pipe?
A. Nov 1966; B. Dec 1957; C. Aug 1954; D. Jun 1963
4. A Type 3 with an M Code of 244 had?
A. Disk Brakes; B. Tinted Windows; C. Cruise Control; D. Adjustable Vent Windows
5. In the early 1950's, what did Heinz Nordhoff offer to VW owners that had driven their VW over 100,000 kms with only routine maintenance?
A. A free oil change certificate; B. A "Gold" Watch and personal letter; C. A free Hazet tool kit; D. A free tire rotation

April 20
Chances R Cruise

Scott Wiley, Donna and I made the trip. Once arriving in Lincoln and hooked up with the Nebraska Volkswagen Club and headed west to York. All together there were around 35 folks and 15 cars plus the President of the German Car Club out of Kansas who was driving a BMW. Once there we checked out each others cars and headed inside to chow down. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed eating at Chances "R", there was more food than any one person could ever eat. After eating, talking, and more eating we all headed out to a local park to hangout for a while. There were several family's there which was super and the kids enjoyed the playground at the park. The guy's checked out the new cars acquired over the winter and any updates or changes folks had made to their rides. After taking a group picture folks started to head out. Scott stayed in York to visit some folks and Donna and I headed back with the Lincoln folks. The ride back was interesting with a heavy cross wind most of the way. The 67 ran just great for its first time on a trip since leaving California. It was a real good shake down trip with nothing to do but clean it up and wait for the next run. It is always great to get on the road with a vintage Volkswagen and appreciate the German Craftsmanship that went into building them.

Richard

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Dick, have you seen this?

Judy

I saw this article a while back and it just blew my mind. Maybe it's because Sheron's New Beetle is also silver, I dunno. I want one!

Dick

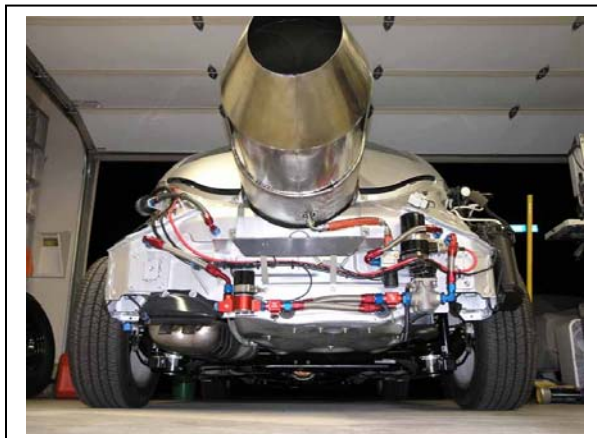
Would they allow it on the drag strip?

Judy

Well, Dick and I spent a little time yesterday looking over the NHRA rule book and came to the conclusion that the jet powered New Beetle would need quite a bit of work done to it to pass tech at the drag strip. To begin, the car would require the addition of two parachutes, and a roll cage. Then there's a major problem with the wheelbase which must be a minimum of 125", and the lack of a roll cage, and a barrier between the driver and the engine compartment of at least 3/16" Lexan. The driver would also need a 3" 5-point seat belt with crotch straps and arm restraints, an approved helmet, and an approved fire suit.

I don't care. I still want one!

Dick



Note from your Editor

The month of April, up to this point, has been a real challenge. I've gone from being right handed to left handed. Ever try doing everything with the opposite hand you normally use? Interesting! Especially dressing – nylons and bras being the most difficult! Bathroom – won't touch that subject! Eating – well by most standards I should be losing weight – not happening! Cooking – piece of cake – Dick has been doing a "mean" breakfast. Eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, pancakes. We won't mention that the bacon and sausage are pre-cooked and just warmed in the micro wave.

The most awful worst thing – **I CAN'T DRIVE MY BUG!** Woody has volunteered to keep the wheels warm! The only issue there is that he wouldn't give it back!

Judy



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