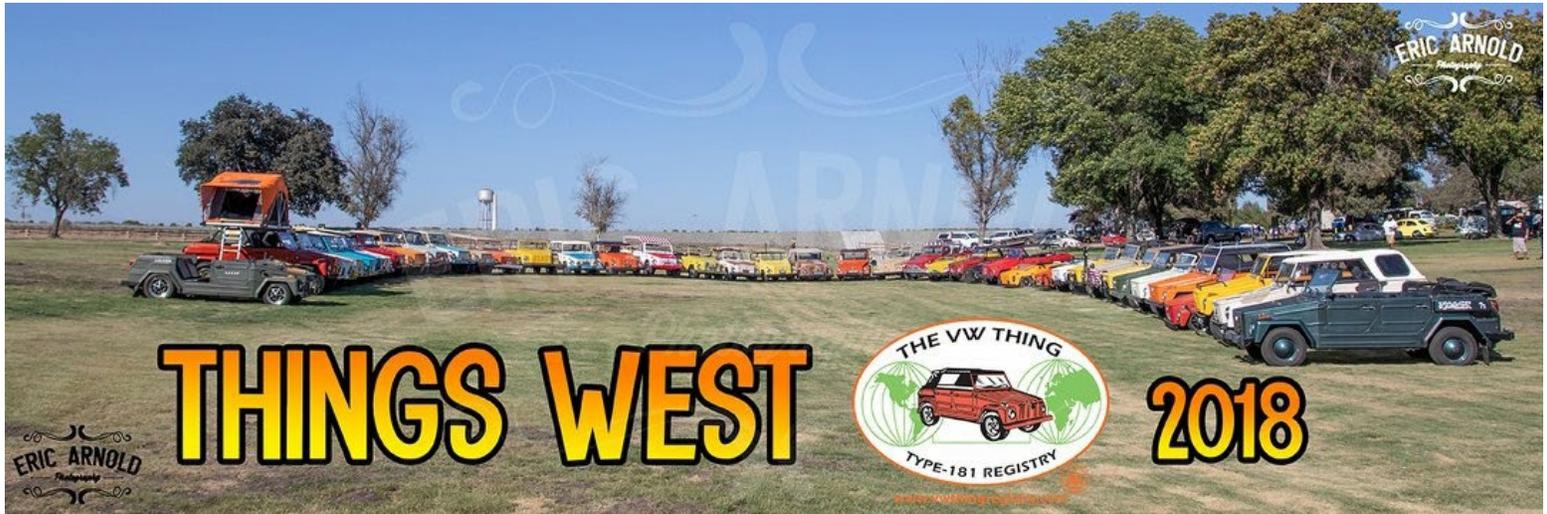




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SPECIAL EDITION: Everything about our Things East event!

The Things West 2018 show in June was our second show at Prado. We had 75 VW Things attend, with over 200 members from California, Nevada, Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, Utah, Idaho, Florida and North Carolina. Gary Mondshine from Michigan drove the furthest. We also had members come from Canada, Mexico and France. It was the largest VW Thing event in the country this year so far. The VW Thing Registry donated \$400 from the show to the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald house.

Awards: There were 7 total. They were: Best stock, custom, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Fugly, and farthest driven. Here are the winners of our Things West show: 1st place Roger Lee Chapman's: White 1973 VW Thing. 2nd place Jerry Robison's: Yellow 1974 Thing, 3rd place Liz Allen's: 1974 Acapulco Thing, Best Stock Frank Walling: 1974 Acapulco, Best custom Reed

Cowan: 1973 Thing limo. Fugly award Pete Herrera: 1973 Thing, Furthest driven award Gary Mondahine: 1974 Thing. He was from Southfield, MI.

Henry Lewis from Los Angeles, California had his 1971 Pescaccia Type 181 from Italy at the show. What a treat for everyone to see! It is rare because not many Type 181's were imported to Italy. The exact number is unknown but the Registry only knows of a few and this is the only one in the USA we are aware of.

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June 8th:

Arrival at El Prado Park, Chino CA.

We had a large BBQ at the Camp area. The Registry provided hamburgers and hotdogs. Members brought food items and drinks to share. We had a meet and greet, looked at all the Things, and enjoyed a camp fire.

Gary from MI arrived to a great welcome from everyone and we spent hours looking over his amazing Thing and talking about the East Coast event and hearing all his memories.

Roberto Sampson also arrived from the Safari club in Mexico. He has owned a Safari/Thing repair and restoration shop in Mexico City since 1975! He knows a lot about the Type 181 and we were honored to have him at our event representing the Safari Club of Mexico.

June 9th:

We caravanned to the OCTO show in Long Beach, CA. It was a sight to see all the Things on the road together. We stopped traffic on the coast as people took photos and stopped to see. The cruise was in memory of our Thing friend, Cecil Pugh from California who left us earlier this year. RIP, Cecil. Jeff our VP towed Cecil's custom trailer behind his Thing.

Around noon we cruised Pacific Coast Highway from Long Beach to Newport Beach for lunch and photo of all the Things in the parking lot of the restaurant. We had 36 Things at Lunch. Many members also meet us at the restaurant.

We cruised back to Chino after for our Hot VW's group photo with Eric Arnold Photography.

Wow! We had over 50 Things. Watch Hot VW's magazine for more info.

After the group photo we had pizza dinner at the camp with everyone. Also, we had a special surprise from Charles Link (owner of Der Folks-Wagon Shop) he showed up and made his famous tacos on his grill for our group. They were amazing! We enjoyed an evening of Things and more Things!

Mike and Kim from Thingparts.com arrived from NY during our photo shoot and got to see all the Things together. Mike was our original sponsor of the Registry and an amazing resource for our members. He is always helping answer questions on our group page and talking to members on the phone. He offers free advice and sells every part you could need for your Thing. He offered some small items at the show and took orders for other items he could ship. If you need any Thing parts, contact Mike.

June 10th:

Arrival to THINGS WEST- show @ El Prado Park, Chino CA.

6am We will had our special "Thing" area parking reserved at the show. We had our Raffle and Awards. Shirts and Registry items were available. Eric Arnold photography was selecting Things for our annual VW THING Calendar. There was food and other vendors at the show. By noon on Sunday we had 75 VW Things parked on the grass for the show. That's a lot of Things!

The raffle was long, but everyone got some cool Thing items. We have to thank everyone who donated to the raffle. It wouldn't have been possible without their help. Thanks to: Thingspart.com, The Thing Shop, Eric Goodman, Raymond Huppee, Ted and Jan Boyd, Eric Arnold, The Rusty VW, Roberto Sampson, Mike



Crisp and anyone else I have forgotten.

Our special VW Thing Trailer raffle took place at the end of the show. It was donated by our friends Birch and Sandy Price to support the Registry. The big winner was Ryan Schlosser from Las Vegas! I guess his Vegas lucked helped him win.

It is an honor to be the president of the Registry and to host Thing events for our members. It means a lot to me to see our organization bring the Thing community together again and seeing over 250 people come to our show. Seeing 75 VW Things together is amazing! I want to thank everyone who supports the VW Thing (Type 181) Registry.

The VW Thing Registry was originally started in 1990, 28 years ago. Today we have over 3,500 members worldwide and are the only VW Thing organization in the USA. Our goal is to promote and preserve the Type 181. More information and registration on our website: www.vwthing-registry.com.

The VW Thing or Type 181 was made from 1969-1980 and only sold in the USA in 1973 and 1974. VW sold about 28,000 in the USA. They are very rare and only about 5,000 still exist today. We do everything we can to keep our Thing community strong and alive! Next issue will be all about the Things East show, KTE. More info to come... Hope you enjoy all the photos.

Thanks,

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