

F&W RALLYE ENGINEERING

F&W Rallye Engineering is a company that has been in business for several years, mainly as a distributor of brand name accessories in the Mid-West. But, a couple of years ago, Kern Fischer, the owner of the company, decided he would like to produce his own range of accessories and construct his own range of custom cars. At the time he had no interest in VWs, but he took a close look at the modern cars available and decided that the Scirocco was one of the best small imports on the market. He felt there would be enough buyers of the car that would like personalized versions to warrant introducing a range of products.

One of F&W's first products is a rectangular headlight conversion kit for the Scirocco to replace the stock four headlight configuration. The kit comes complete with two Marchal Q-H headlights that mount to the original mounting holes on the car. A modified Rabbit grill is included in the kit. F&W also manufactures clear plexiglass headlight covers that are the best way of protecting expensive Q-H headlights from rocks and other enemies. They are also plan-

ning to produce a spoiler and flare kit for the Scirocco which will offer an alternative to the kit produced by Kamei Products from Germany.

In the Chicago area, F&W Rallye are making quite a name for themselves as the producer of customized auto show Sciroccos for local VW dealers. Two different versions, called the TE and the RE, have been produced so far and each of them have proved good attention grabbers for the dealers and have proved popular with the public at local auto shows. Each of the cars feature optional accessories such as spoilers, tires, wheels, seats and trick paint jobs. Kern Fischer designed the cars in conjunction with the dealers and put the packages together for selling to customers.

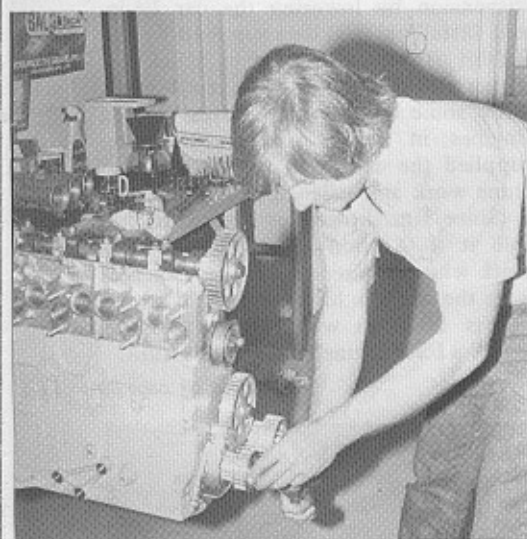
Unfortunately, F&W didn't have any of their custom cars available when we met them, but Kern did have his personal turbocharged Scirocco on hand for us to try. They are a distributor for BAE turbochargers so naturally Kern installed their kit on his carbureted Scirocco. Testing showed that the car didn't run too well with the stock VW carb so a Weber from a Ford Capri was

used and they are very pleased with the results. The performance is great, but like all turbos the boost does not come in until over 3,000 rpm, but once it does the car goes like a rocket. We were unable to get any really accurate performance figures but a couple of rough and ready runs gave a 0-60mph time of under 8 sec. Not bad for a 1600cc engine!

Apart from the turbo, Kern has installed one of the F&W Star Gazer sunroofs, the F&W Marchal rectangular headlight conversion and a neat little panel they make for adding two extra instruments to the center console. Shortened springs and low profile Goodyear GT radials on 5½-in. ATS wheels add the finishing touches.

LOLA RACE CARS

Lola is the world's largest manufacturer of racing cars and, while the factory is in England, the North American importer, Carl Haas Auto Imports, is located in Highland Park just north of Chicago. Lola has won in most forms of racing over the past decade, including the three USAC 500 races this year. In FSV, Lola cars have had more wins than



LEFT, Bertil Solenskog works on a customer's FSV race engine at his shop in Libertyville. ABOVE CENTER, this Scirocco TE is a custom car built by F&W Rallye Engineering for Dunes Imports, a VW dealership in Gary, Indiana. ABOVE RIGHT, the Lola T-492 sports racer comes from England with a Formula Ford engine, but Jim LaFortune is planning on building one with a FSV engine instead. BELOW LEFT, the Sebring kit car (left) is similar to the Sterling (right) but it has a different nose. The Sebring is produced in Chicago and we will have an article on the kit in next month's issue of DB&HVs. BELOW RIGHT, this incredible looking Scirocco was built by Village Motors, the VW and Toyota dealership in Libertyville.



RIGHT, another view of the Village Motors TransAm Scirocco. Unfortunately no work has been done to the interior or the engine.



BELOW, four shots of Kern Fischer's personal Scirocco showing some of the products F&W Rallye Engineering sells for customizing Sciroccos.



any other make of car. Unfortunately, with the change over to the water-cooled engine, the new Lola does not seem to have been as competitive this year as other cars, but give them time. Carl Haas is also the importer of Hewland gearboxes from England. Hewlands are used in almost all race cars and are even beginning to be used in off-road racing.

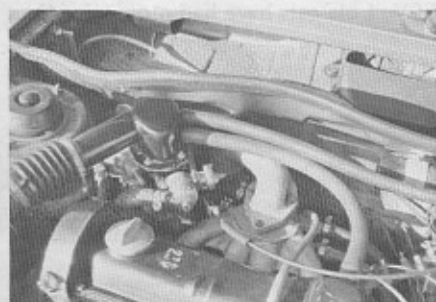
We had a look at the new Sports 2000 sports racer which uses a Formula Ford 2000 engine and is the car to beat in England in its class. Jim LaFortune is planning to install a FSV engine in the car he has just bought and he feels it will be competitive in 'C' sports racing. Perhaps he will start a new trend and we will have a VW powered sports racing class.

RACING RABBIT

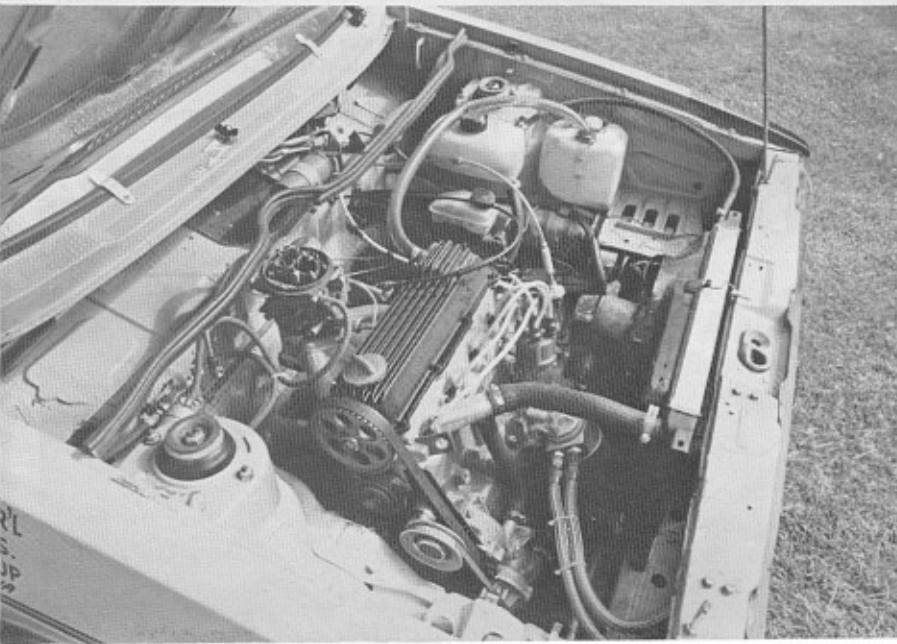
Jim LaFortune works at a Chrysler and BMW dealership in Lake Forest, north of Chicago, and in his spare time he races a Rabbit in Midwest Council and SCCA road racing. He has had great success with the car getting many firsts in class and one overall win, regularly beating Datsun and Alfa Romeo sports cars. FSR Auto Restoration in Libertyville built the roll cage and modified the suspension by lowering the car 3½-in. and installing swaybars supplied by the Rabbit Hutch with Bilstein shock absorbers. Jim built the engine himself with some help from Bertils Racing Engines in nearby Libertyville, who supplied the camshaft and did the machine work and balancing of the engine.

Since Jim showed us the car he has sold it to Anthony Angeolitti of New York who has already had some success with the car. Jim has now bought a Lola Sports 2000 in which he intends to install a FSV engine in the near future.

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BELOW, various shots of Jim LaFortune's racing Rabbit that is now owned by Anthony Angeolitti of New York. The full cage not only acts a roll cage but it also serves to strengthen the body to keep the suspension from distorting. The battery is located in the spare wheel well to help weight distribution. The engine compartment is uncluttered without all the smog equipment; if only road cars could look like that again!



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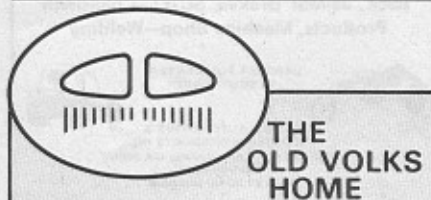
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VILLAGE MOTORS, LIBERTYVILLE

Do you remember the mean looking Scirocco that was campaigned in Trans-Am racing a couple of years ago? Well, the car was built for VW by Village Motors, the VW dealership in Libertyville. While they are no longer directly involved in motor racing they do still sell the flare kit as used on the race car and have in fact sold over 35 of them. We drove the black road version that was built at the same time as the racers. It certainly draws a crowd, but unfortunately, with only a stock engine it looks far more purposeful than it really is.

Some of the hottest VW racing engines have appeared in the last few years from the shop adjoining Village Motors which belongs to Bertils Racing Engines. Bertil immigrated from Sweden several years ago and has been building engines for FSV ever since. He produced all the winning engines last year, but this year he has not had such outstanding success with the water-cooled engines; though he has won several races which is better than some others have managed to do. Again, it's just a matter of time until Bertil is on top of things.

OFF-ROAD RACING

To many people, off-road racing can only take place in the desert, but to those who live a few thousand miles from the nearest piece of deserted land, a desert race is a dream. Off-road racing is alive and well in the Mid-West and it all takes place on short closed course raceways. But unlike the short closed course races in California, the major course at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, (one hours drive north of Chicago) is longer and the races cover longer periods of time. In fact, they are a cross between a short course race and a desert enduro. Because of this the events have become very popular with over 200 competitors at the major holiday events.

PHIL'S, INC.

Phil Reusche was one of the first dealers in the Mid-West to start selling dune buggy equipment. At first it seemed a strange thing to be selling in a highly populated area, but his sales have grown so large that he now sells over 250 off-road racing chassis a year. He finds that most people like equipment that has been manufactured in California. Unlike off-road dealers on the West Coast he finds sand rails and Baja Bug kits are not very popular. Neither is high performance equipment for road cars. One of the main reasons for this is that there are very few Bugs on the road anymore—they have largely rusted away. Consequently Phil is beginning to see more and more interest in the new generation of VWs.

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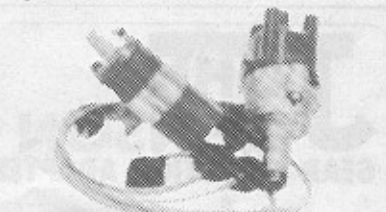
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