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Ferrol
welcomes the Beetles

5–6 December 2026

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FERROL

Our next gathering takes us north.



5–6

DECEMBER 2026

13th Volkswagen Beetle Gathering

Organised by **Escudería A. Ferrol,** Classic Car Section

REGISTRATION OPEN ↗

Some gatherings are reason enough to get back on the road. On 5–6 December, the Volkswagen family will come together in Ferrol for the 13th Beetle Gathering. We at **Käfer Galicia** hope you'll join our friends at Escudería A. Ferrol for another weekend with fellow enthusiasts.

Read the Ferrol story ↗

Escudería A. Ferrol website ↗

Two days. One shared passion.

The invitation is for everyone who enjoys Beetles and, above all, the company of the people who keep them on the road. Here’s what’s planned for December.

01 Beetles on display

The display will give us time to look closely at the cars and chat beside our classics.

02 Catching up

A chance to catch up with old friends and welcome enthusiasts coming along for the first time.

03 Draws and prizes

The weekend’s programme includes prize draws and awards.

04 Around one table

A communal meal rounds off the gathering and gives us time to talk about more than cars.

REGISTRATION OPEN

See you in Ferrol.

OPEN REGISTRATION FORM ↗

ORGANISED BY

Escudería A. Ferrol ↗

REGISTER

Enquiries · 629 078 956 ↗

See the organisers’ form for details and conditions.

People keep us going.

Dear friends,

At our gatherings, all it takes is someone lifting a Beetle's engine lid and a little crowd gathers. One person asks about a part, another remembers their dad's car, and when it's time to leave, there are still stories to tell.

This launch issue marks the start of the Käfer Galicia magazine. We'll publish it every six months, and it's open to everyone who loves air-cooled Volkswagens. Whether you belong to a club or have only just discovered these cars, there's a place for you here.

We welcome all kinds of motoring articles, from a workshop tip to the history of a model. We'd love to hear how your first **Volkswagen** came home, or about that trip when a breakdown led to a friendship. Even one photo can tell a story if you tell us who's in it and why you've kept it all these years.

If you're organising a gathering, a drive or a show, either with your club or on your own, you can announce it here. Send us the date, the place and how to sign up. And when you're back, tell us how it went.

In these opening pages, we revisit the albums from 2023 and 2025 and set off for Ferrol. For future issues, write to us at kafergalicia@gmail.com. I'd love to open my inbox and find the story of your car waiting there.

Warm wishes,



Jesús Pazos

Jesús Pazos Cacheda
President of the Käfer Galicia Association

OCTOBER 2027

GALICIA / INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

ON THE ROAD TO THE GATHERING

New edition. New format.

October 2027. We'll meet again.

The gathering won't clash with autoClássico **Porto 2027.** We'll announce the exact dates and programme in due course.

We collect stories.

We don’t collect cars. We collect stories.

Restore *each story*

Share *the passion*

Drive *together*

Meet Käfer Galicia ↗

The next chapter.

A date to look forward to. Many ways to take part.

01

OCTOBER 2027

The month is confirmed. We'll announce the exact dates and programme once they're finalised. The gathering won't clash with autoClássico **Porto.**

02

BRING US YOUR IDEAS

The association welcomes ideas from exhibitors, partners and people who want to contribute to the cultural programme. Use the form on our website to tell us what you do and what you have in mind.

03

WHERE TO FIND UPDATES

You'll find the news, posters and updates at kafergalicia.com. An enquiry starts a conversation with the organisers. It doesn't reserve a place.

Background: photo from the 2023 gathering.

Follow the gathering news ↗

Where the journey began.



01 / THE CONVOY

2023

FIRST EDITION

Vigo.
Monteferro.
Baiona.

The first convoy · From the 2023 gathering archive.

Open the photo gallery ↗

Vigo, **Monteferro** and **Baiona** were all on that first route. A convoy of Volkswagens, conversations struck up along the way and a shared enthusiasm that found a home in the Galician landscape.

The first morning.



01 / EARLY ARRIVALS



02 / CLASSICS AND CONVERSATION

On Saturday 7 October, participants began to gather in **Montero Ríos.** Beetleinjection's report recalls nearly forty vehicles and a strong turnout from Portugal.

The first day continued at **Monte** do **Castro,** where participants collected their rally numbers and took a guided tour before heading to Castrelos. From the outset, the gathering brought together driving, local heritage and conversation.

Käfer Galicia archive, 2023 · Account by Beetleinjection, part one.

A story in every detail.





THE LITTLE THINGS LAST

A badge, a set of keys, a part carefully put away. Some objects tell you what this passion is all about without anyone having to lift the bonnet. The photographs from 2023 linger on those little marks of identity, too.

Photographs from the first gathering's archive.

Kilometres and conversation.



01 / ON THE ROAD TOGETHER



02 / HEADING FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE



03 / CONVERSATIONS

The scenery stays with you. So does the company.

Revisiting the first gathering.



Fernando R. published his memories of the gathering in two parts. Alongside the cars, he recalls meeting old friends again and welcoming new ones. Lunch in the shade at **Castrelos** and the cultural visit are part of that memory. The photographs capture gestures and expressions. The written account puts the day’s events in order.

Read the original report · Part one ↗

2025

A family on the move.



VIGO · REDONDELA · SOUTOMAIOR

View the 2025 gallery ↗

Two years on, cars and friends come together again for our biennial gathering. The reports on our website recall Saturday’s drive, the visit to **San Simón** and our farewell in Beade.

The scenery is part of the journey.



01 / ON THE ROAD

Vigo.
Redondela.
Soutomaior.

Bridges.
Stone.
Greenery.
Classics.



02 / GALICIA IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR

In our 2025 photographs, the Galician landscape is as much a part of the journey as the cars. The reports follow the route from **Vigo** through **Redondela** to **Soutomaior,** with drives, visits and time to spend together.

Photos from the second gathering · Käfer Galicia archive.

A change of perspective.





San Simón is one of our memories of 2025. On the boat, the conversation carries on as the cars briefly give way to views across the estuary. These journeys together have a place in the album too.

Familiar faces. New friends.



01 / CAMARADERIE



02 / CONVERSATIONS



03 / ON BOARD



04 / AIR-COOLED FRIENDS

We come for the cars and return for the people.

Volkswagen KÄFER 2027

Every classic has character.







Front, side and rear views. Three angles on the 2025 archive.

The pleasure of looking.









A stone bridge, a red wing, raindrops on a badge or a side window full of memories. The photographs invite you to take in the whole scene, then linger over the details.

A living archive.

Our website brings together press coverage of our gatherings. The reports take us back on the road, putting names, places and memories to the photographs. Each link offers a different view of the enthusiasm we share.

2023

The invitation to our first gathering and Beetleinjection's two-part report record the start of our journey through Vigo, Monteferro and Baiona.

Read the 2023 reports ↗

2025

MiClásico noted the turnout from Spain and Portugal, including two enthusiasts who came from Tenerife. Autofoto featured our second gathering in its December 2025 issue.



Read MiClásico · 2025 gathering ↗

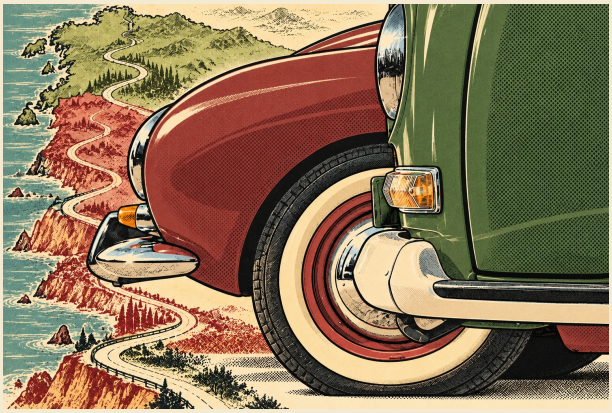
Autofoto · December 2025 ↗

Thank you to everyone who records these gatherings so we can enjoy them again.

ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MIÑO

GALICIA + PORTUGAL

TWO LANDS. ONE SHARED PASSION.



Portugal, we're counting on you.

Portugal has a special place in our story. Clubs, specialists and friends keep that bond alive long after each gathering.

VW Ar Clube de **Portugal,** Carochas do Berço, **VW** Clássicos em Cascais and Associação Momentos **VW** are all part of that network.

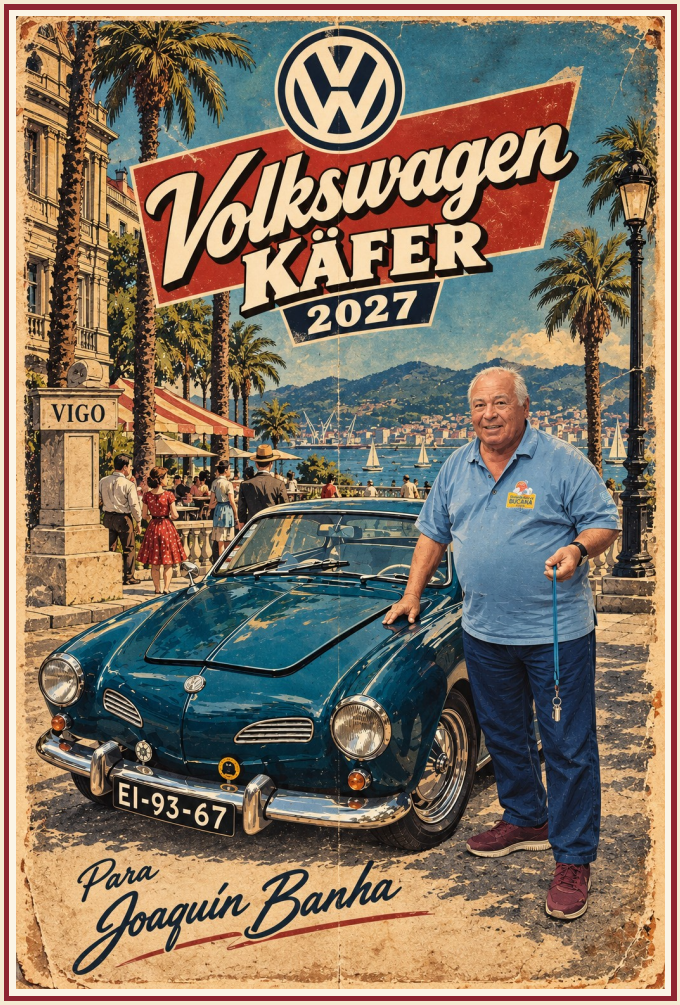
We'll meet again in October **2027.** This time, unlike in 2023 and 2025, our gathering won't clash with autoClássico **Porto.**

We want enthusiasts to be able to enjoy both events. We'll announce the exact dates for **Käfer Galicia** once the calendar is finalised.

Visit VW Ar Clube de Portugal ↗

autoClássico Porto · Exponor ↗

Joaquim Banha



The Käfer website pays tribute to **Joaquim Banha,** a collector, traveller and writer with longstanding ties to the Volkswagen community in Cascais.

His **1950** split-window Beetle is his travelling companion. In 2009 he drove it to Wolfsburg, an adventure he later recounted in Se o Meu **Carocha** Falasse… Volume I.

His story is about the care that goes into preserving a car, the miles spent behind the wheel and the place a classic can have in everyday life.

You keep a classic alive by driving it.

His 2009 journey to Wolfsburg became a book. Turn the page to meet the car that went with him.

Read the tribute ↗

If his Beetle could talk...



SE O MEU CAROCHA FALASSE...

Volume I

In 2026 **Joaquim Banha** put his 2009 journey to Wolfsburg into print. The book brings together 208 pages of travel, humour and imagined conversations with his Volkswagen.

1950

The year of his split-window Beetle.

A car can become a companion for life. For Joaquim, his Beetle has brought together European road trips, time with friends and memories that find their way into stories.

The **Käfer Galicia** article also recalls his ties to Cascais, his trip to the North Cape and the passion he shares with his family. The book gives a sense of what classics mean to him: cars to drive and to live with.

BUY THE BOOK ↗

Read the tribute to Joaquim ↗

BERLIN

Our trip to Germany.

ICONIC · DRIVE VOLKSWAGEN GROUP FORUM



Image: DRIVE Volkswagen Group Forum.

Käfer Galicia travelled to Berlin to see **ICONIC** at the **DRIVE Volkswagen Group Forum.** Our report, published on 22 October 2026, explores how the exhibition brings together eight decades of culture, society and transport. The Beetle, Volkswagen Bus and Porsche 911 sit alongside design, architecture, art and music. During the visit we made contacts for possible collaborations. We're building on those connections as our community looks ahead to October **2027.**

View the exhibition at DRIVE↗

Read about our visit to ICONIC in Berlin↗

Shall we go to Wolfsburg?



FIRST, WE’D LIKE YOUR VIEWS

The association is planning a trip to **Wolfsburg** for a small group of enthusiasts. We want to explore Volkswagen’s history first-hand and share the experience. We’re starting with a survey to hear what you think.

The survey asks whether you’re interested, which months suit you, how long you’d like to stay and what you’d expect to spend. Your replies will help us settle on dates and a programme. If there’s enough interest, we may organise more trips.

FREE · NO BOOKING · NO COMMITMENT

Visit AutoMuseum Volkswagen ↗

Take the survey ↗

ART



Paola Dueñas.

@duenas_art · View profile

Artist Paola Dueñas shared footage of herself painting live at **Helvetia Treffen.** In her post she says the part she's working on comes from a 1950s Beetle.

Käfer News has shared the video so we can see how motoring and art come together. The car itself becomes her canvas, inviting us to see a familiar part in a new way.

A paintbrush can show a love of cars, too.

Still from the video by Paola Dueñas shared on the website.

Watch the original video

T1. An idea takes to the road.



A T1 at the 2023 gathering · Käfer Galicia archive.

In 1947, Dutch importer **Ben Pon** sketched an idea for a van. Volkswagen developed the design and unveiled the Transporter in November 1949. Production began in Wolfsburg on **8** March **1950.**

Volkswagen's official history describes how the van opened up new ways of carrying people and goods. Käfer News revisits its origins with a video from Hablando de Clásicos. Two perspectives on the same icon.

Watch the video · Hablando de Clásicos ↗

History of the T1 · Volkswagen ↗

What’s coming up.



22 NOVEMBER / SANXENXO

Súper Laconada

Meet us at **O Forno** at 14:00. Lunch starts at 14:30. Book through **Käfer Galicia.**

Set menu €29. Children under 12 pay €14.50.

Book the Súper Laconada
WITH KÄFER GALICIA

2026 ARCHIVE / FELLOW CLUBS

Memories of Tossa.



The 32nd gathering of **Amics** del **Volkswagen** de **Catalunya** brought enthusiasts to Tossa de Mar from 25 to 27 September 2026. We’ve kept the poster as a reminder of that weekend on the Costa Brava and the friendship between our clubs.

Amics del Volkswagen website ↗

Read the archive report ↗

KÄFI

our mascot

Volkswagen KÄFER 2027

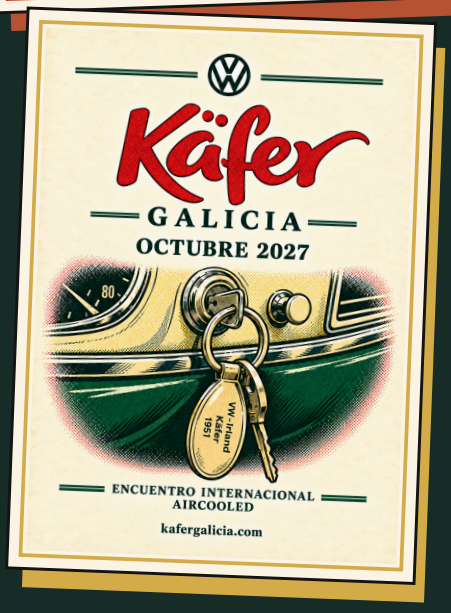


Cream paper, greens, burgundy and terracotta. A character of our own, and so many ways to tell the story of a shared passion.









View the poster

One passion. Different perspectives.





The Käfer name, our mascot KÄFI and the classic Volkswagens tie the campaign together. The scenery, the body styles and the colours change, yet the posters are unmistakably part of the same collection, all looking ahead to October **2027.**

On our website you can browse the posters, enlarge them and share them. This selection shows how travel, landscape and illustration come together in the artwork for the gathering.

View the poster collection ↗

Road and workshop

A road and an umbrella are enough to tell two Volkswagen stories. Both prints come from the Käfer Galicia photo archive.



PHOTO ARCHIVE / 17

Three ways to travel ↗

A van, a saloon and a convertible round the same bend. Their colours pick out the three silhouettes.



PHOTO ARCHIVE / 58

Service in the rain ↗

A mechanic holds an umbrella over a Beetle. In this drawing, keeping the rain off the car is part of looking after it.

Posters / photographs

Explore the Käfer Galicia collection ↗

A keepsake to take home.

Calendars, posters and little things for VW enthusiasts. Here’s a selection. The full catalogue, with sizes and availability, is just a click away.



2027 CALENDARS

Six designs to remind you of the gathering all year round, including magnetic fridge calendars.

THREE KEYRINGS / COMING SOON

The club emblem, KÄFI and the spirit of the open road.







VIEW THE FULL CATALOGUE ↗

Posters, badges, calendars and keyrings

BBT HOT ROD



1962 Volkswagen T1 Doka · Photograph by BBT Hot Rod

View the T1 Doka listing ↗

Volkswagen KÄFER 2027

VISIT THE WEBSITE ↗
bbt-hotrod.com

PARTS WITH A HISTORY

Since **1989, BBT Hot Rod** has combined skilled craftsmanship with a passion for air-cooled Volkswagens. It sells new and used parts, original new old stock and parts of its own manufacture.

FROM WORKSHOP TO ROAD

Its workshop in **El Campello, Alicante,** repairs and restores mechanical components, bodywork and interiors. BBT also sells classic cars and transports vehicles and parts throughout Spain and across Europe.

bbt-hotrod.com ↗ **Workshop 667 750 992 · Sales 647 152 567**

Pol. Ind. El Mesell, nave 3 · 03560 El Campello, Alicante

A project to share.

More than a gathering. An air-cooled experience.

In October **2027,** Galicia will host a gathering celebrating classic Volkswagens and the air-cooled culture around them.

It will bring together owners, enthusiasts, collectors, professionals and businesses from the world of classic cars.

ON THE ROAD TO THE GATHERING

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Something big is coming down the road.

Somewhere to explore, share and enjoy

We’re putting together ways for businesses, professionals, brands and organisations to get involved if they share our passion for classic cars.

We’d love to hear your ideas for making the gathering special for the people taking part and those coming along to visit.

KÄFER GALICIA

Tell us your idea.
We’d love to meet you.

kafergalicia@gmail.com ↗

EXPLORE THE PROJECT ↗

One draw. Many stories.



1763

The Royal Lottery began under Charles III. The first draw took place on 10 December 1763, with proceeds going to the Treasury and charitable institutions.

CÁDIZ AND THE MODERN LOTTERY

The National Lottery began in 1812. The first draw took place in **Cádiz** on **4** March. On 18 December that year came the forerunner of today's Christmas draw.

The tradition evolved and its name changed. In **1892** it became known as the 'Sorteo de Navidad'. In **1897** that name first appeared on the décimos, the one-tenth tickets.

BALLS, DRUMS AND VOICES

At first, the draw used rolled slips of paper. Wooden balls appeared in **1813** and lottery drums in 1853.

The voices of the children of San Ildefonso became part of Spain's collective memory. Girls first took part in **1984,** and in 2002 the children sang out the prizes in euros for the first time.

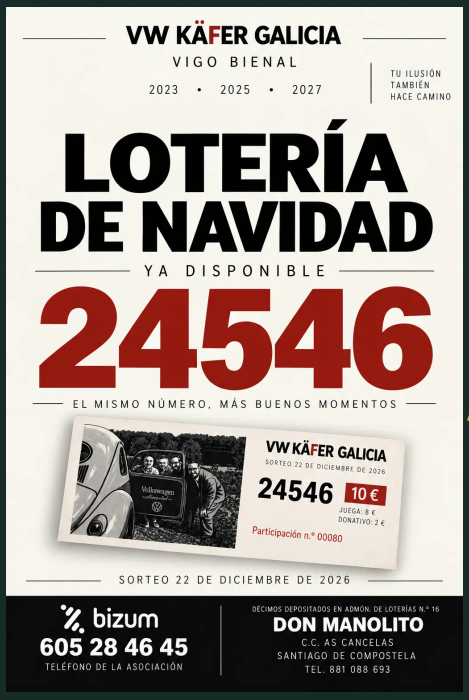
Today, every **22** December, the draw brings people together to share the hope of a win.

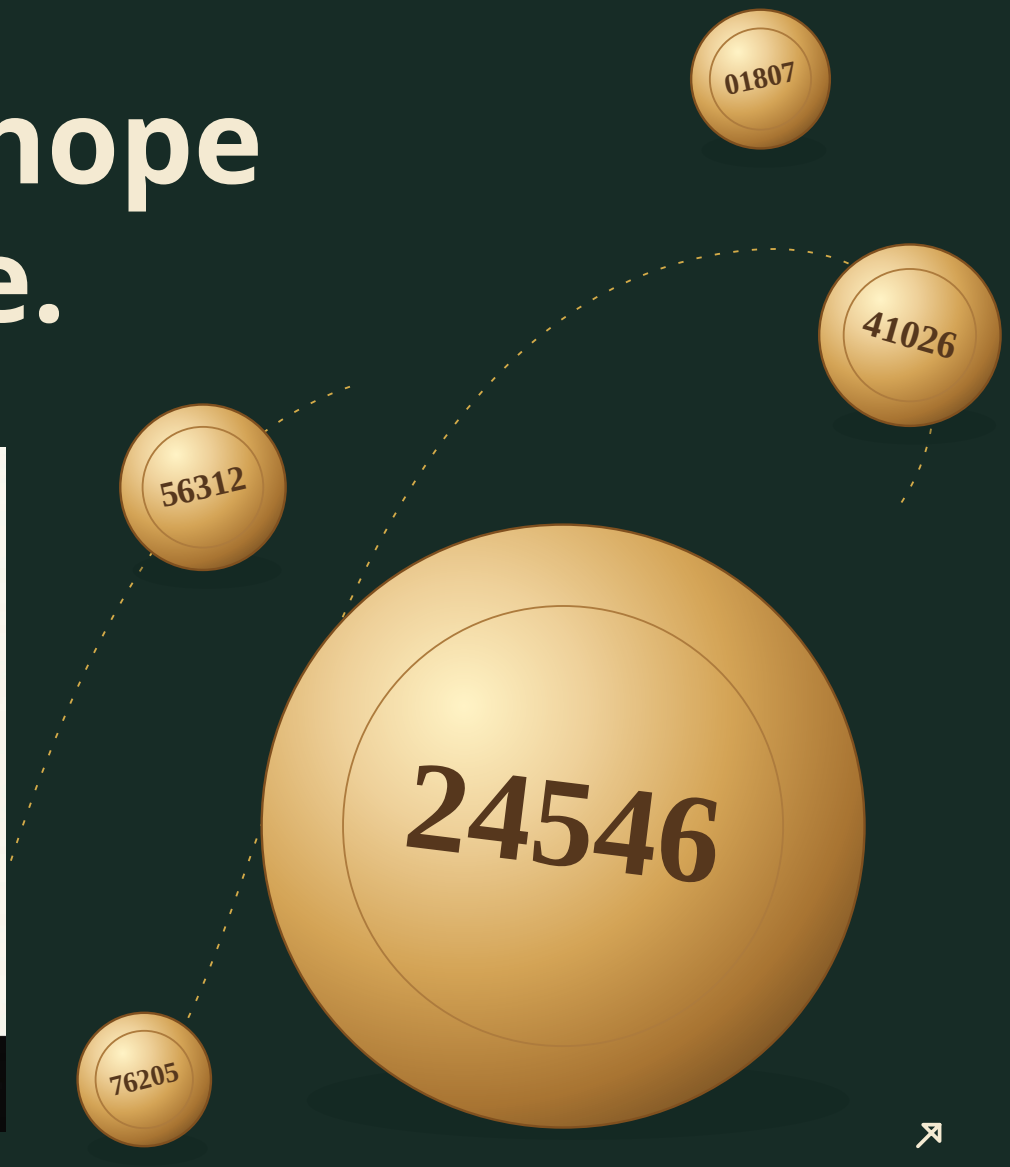
Over two centuries of history. A tradition we share.

Illustration from the Käfer Galicia website. Sources SELAE ↗ RTVE ↗ Andalusian Archives ↗

CHRISTMAS LOTTERY 2026

A little hope to share.





OUR NUMBER

€10

per share

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€8 stake + €2 donation

BUY LOTTERY SHARES

Käfer Galicia bought its tickets from **Don Manolito,** Santiago de Compostela's lottery outlet No. 16, in As Cancelas. Its manager has shared our love of Volkswagens for many years.

Visit Loterías Don Manolito

Tap the balls to see them move on the website

BUY FROM KÄFER

Thank you.

for being part of this story

To everyone who takes part, to our fellow clubs and to the institutions that support our hobby. Every gathering grows because so many people get involved.



One passion.
Many hands.
The same road.

FELLOW CLUBS

- VW Ar Clube Portugal ↗
- Carochas do Berço · Guimarães ↗
- VW Clássicos em Cascais ↗
- Amics del Volkswagen de Catalunya ↗
- Associação Momentos VW ↗

INSTITUTIONS

- Turismo Rías Baixas ↗
- Deputación de Pontevedra ↗
- Concello de Vigo ↗

Select an underlined name to visit its website.

Our community drives every gathering.

Käfer CAFÉ



A photograph of Berlin from around **1959** welcomes you to this corner of our website. Pavement cafés, conversation and classic car invite you to linger.



Kurfürstendamm, Berlin, c. 1959. Archive photograph featured on the website.

PRESS PLAY

ICONIC Songs

Listen on Spotify ↗

Slow down. Enjoy the journey.

Visit the café ↗

Music selected by DRIVE. Volkswagen Group Forum.

The archive behind these pages.

These 42 pages draw on the **Käfer Galicia** website, its photographs, news and artwork. Working edition dated 7 November 2026.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The photographs from 2023 and 2025 are archive material. The articles have been adapted for this layout. The magazine comes out twice a year. The organisers have confirmed October **2027** and that the gathering will not clash with autoClássico Porto.

SOURCES AND FURTHER READING / SELECT A LINK

- Website and 2027 project ↗
- Photo galleries ↗
- Reports · Beetleinjection ↗
- MiClásico · Vigo 2025 ↗
- Joaquim Banha · Buy the book ↗
- ICONIC · Berlin ↗
- Paola Dueñas · Video ↗
- Volkswagen · History of the T1 ↗
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- Loterías Don Manolito ↗

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For the final edition, the exact October dates are to be confirmed, the diary and catalogue reviewed, the texts approved and individual photo credits completed.



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See you in

GALICIA

Volkswagen KÄFER 2027

2023

2025

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kafergalicia.com ↗

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