

ABSOLUTELY VOLKSWAGEN

January 2001

NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of 2001 will be on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30 PM. DON T FORGET that it will be at Stark Street Pizza, 9234 SE Stark, Portland, in the front room by the front windows. Come one, come all!

Christmas Light Run

Tommy Wisniewski

We had a really good turnout for the light run. Sixteen cars showed up, and four of the cars were people who are going to sign up at the next meeting. For those of you that didn't go, or just could not make it, we left Izzy's Pizza at 7:45 PM and went to see the lights by 60th and Division. That was pretty cool. We then headed north for 40th and Peacock Lane. Now this was a sight to see, and I'm not talking the lights on the houses. They were cool, too, but 85% of the people were watching the VW's go by and playing slug bug. Yes, indeed, it looked cool, sixteen cars lined up. After that, we were headed for Interstate Hwy. where we lost six or seven cars. They happened to hit I-5 freeway instead, but we learn as we go, right? Next year we'll have a map for everyone and walkie-talkies for the front car and the rear car, so we know if everyone made it through the stoplights. Next we went to see the house of lights; this house had at least (guessing) 500 million lights on. (Hate to see that power bill for December). After that, it was off to PIR. We got to PIR at 9:00 PM. We regrouped with the cars that we had lost and then made our way in. We picked a good night; the wait was only four to eight minutes, to get in. For the people that had never been there, it was a sight to see; for the people that had been there before, they had a lot of new lights, and after going for three years, it's still cool to see. After going through PIR, it was 9:45 PM. We broke off and everyone went their own way. There were a couple of us that went hunting for more lights for another half-hour. Overall, I heard good things about the run and I think it did really well for ABSOLUTELY VOLKSWAGEN's first road trip. I can't wait for the next one, I hope you can't, too!

Club Logo

This is the last note for a club logo. We will be choosing a club logo at our January meeting. So, any ideas, PLEASE bring them. If you would like to take part in the voting for your club logo, by all means, we would like to see you at the January meeting!

Notes from the President

Tommy Wisniewski

I hope that everyone is doing well after Christmas and New Year's. I was happy to see the light run did so well! We have a lot to do this summer — two bug runs, a summer lunch run, car shows, a movie night (at the drive-in), and lots more.

With the club being new this year, and just getting started, I wanted to bring up that next Thanksgiving and/or Christmas I would like to have the club do a food run and/or a Christmas gift run. Just a one-time thing, sometime before each holiday. The Sheriff's office and Channel 12 TV needs help every year handing out things to the people who have less than we do. (Any comments or others we can help are welcome). With a new year 2001 and a new place to meet, and a nice group of people to make a cool club, I can't wait for this next year.

Remember, if anyone has ideas for the next year, please say something. We don't bite, and we can't think of everything. Help is always welcome.

Website of the Month

Morgan Webb- Seog

www.germanpartshaus.com

They have any part for any Volkswagen EVER made! (Or close to it). New and used parts, air- and water-cooled!! They even sell engines! They warranty all the parts sold, so I found that a plus! This parts store will even buy parts and cars from customer, if they are running or not running! They are located in the Sacramento Metro area in California. I will most likely order from them!!

??? Question of the Month ???

If there are any car questions, bring them to the meeting or call me (Tommy). Ashley Poscoe (of Always-V-Dub) will be answering our Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3 questions of the month. So bring on the questions!

Items for sale/Looking for

We need things to go here, and talking to some of you, I know that you have things that you can put here. So, go take some time, look around, and I know someone is looking for something — come on, it's a VW!

Thanks

I wanted to take the time and say Thank you! to Tom Matthis and his wife, Kerry, for their hard work on the newsletter. Please be understanding. We are going to play with different newsletter layouts until we find one we like, so if you really like one of the layouts, let us know!

Tommy W.

December Meeting Notes

Tommy Wisniewski

For those of you that couldn't make it to the last meeting, here is some of what we talked about. We talked about the X-mas light run and a couple of places to go on the way over to PIR, and about moving the meeting over to Stark Street Pizza. From what I can gather, this is a good move, as a lot of members like the idea of a square room instead of a long, skinny room. We talked about things to add to the newsletter. If anyone has anything to add, let me (Tommy) or Tom and Kerry Matthis know and we can get it in the newsletter. The club newsletter is for everyone, not just the editor and the president. I would like to see the club letter with things that the club members have to share, making the letter more personal. We had talked about going to pool or bowling in January. A date was not for sure, but Monday, January 15, 2001, Martin Luther King Day was looking good. (If there is something close to where you live and you would like to have the club out there, let me know).

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Happy Birthday to You

Absolutely Volkswagen club members celebrating birthdays this month are:

Tim Jones .. January 1

Steve Heller .. January 26

Happy birthday, guys!

This Month s Newsletter Delivery

From the editors

We are attempting to deliver this month s edition of Absolutely Volkswagen s newsletter via e-mail to those members who have given us e-mail addresses. We are pretty new at this, so please help us out. If you receive the e-mailed newsletter, please let us know. Let us know, too, how it looks. Is it too big, or too small, to read? Any other comments are welcome, too.

Thanks, Tom and Kerry