



**May 2001**

## **NEXT MEETING**

The May meeting of Absolutely Volkswagen will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at 7:30 PM. We'll be at Stark Street Pizza, 9234 SE Stark, in the front room by the front windows.

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

CRUZ ~ For those that couldn't make it to the Lunch Cruz, we had a lot of fun. We all met at 30<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne AT THE HOP. The food was really good and not a bad price. Twenty-one VW cars showed up, three buses, lots of bugs-new and old, a New Jetta, a square back, a Baja, and many more. We sat around and chatted, walked around and chatted, and shared ideas. Three club members brought remote control cars. One was Herbie, one was a VW 21-window bus, and one was a new bug. The cars were out causing trouble and trying to run people over (all in fun). I'm glad to see that it turned out so good. We are quickly planning another Lunch Cruz. This time we will have a small Cruz to go with the lunch. More details to come.

SHIRTS ~ Ross (Olson) showed me some of the printouts of shirts with the new logo on them, BOY, they look good! The next meeting, we'll talk more about the shirts and look at the printouts. So, if you would like any kind of say in the design, please come to the meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.

CLUB STICKERS ~ We have club stickers that say "ABSOLUTELY VOLKSWAGEN Car Club." The cost is \$2.00.

CONSTRUCTION ~ Remember to give our work crews a break when you see a construction MEN AT WORK sign. I know we all get hurried but it couldn't hurt to slow for a mile or two to ensure the road crews are safe. (Plus those nasty tickets double in construction zones!)

SUMMER'S COMING ~ Come one, come ALL. We have a lot of things planned, so time to get those VW's out and dusted off. Members---Now is a good time to talk to people and bring in new members. I have had four e-mails in the last two weeks about the club. To go with that, I'll be bringing more flyers to put on VW cars. Come one, come All to the next meeting and get your flyers.

Tommy Wisniewski

## SEEN AROUND TOWN

A New Beetle with personalized license plates reading GROO-V.

## WEATHER REPORT

As May comes closer, so does the sunshine (hopefully).

For May:

Average High	67.1	Record High	100.0
Average Low	47.0	Record Low	29.0
Average Precipitation ...	2.06 inches	Days Rain	12 days

## I-5 CLOSURE ALERT

The Oregon Department of Transportation began a \$23.3 million construction project to rehabilitate I-5 in Portland, Oregon last year.

*As part of that work, freeway reconstruction between the Fremont Bridge and Holladay Street will require closure of I-5 for about 12 weekends beginning July 2001. Work may not be on consecutive weekends.*

Work will begin in the northbound lanes first. Southbound activities will begin after the northbound work is done. Freeway on-ramps in the closure area will also be closed. During the 12-weekend work window, traffic will be rerouted by way of I-405 (Fremont Bridge).

The closures will take place from 10 PM Friday to 5 AM Monday.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?** Go to [www.state.or.us/region1/I5pres.htm](http://www.state.or.us/region1/I5pres.htm) or call 1-877-927-4343 for direction of closure and last minute details.

## MORE FROM TOMMY

As an FYI ~ Cinco de Mayo is Saturday, May 5, so it's time to enjoy GOOD Mexican food this weekend.

Club Motto ~ To provide fun and entertainment for people who like, own, have owned, or will someday own a VOLKSWAGEN.

\*\*\*\*\*DRIVERS WANTED\*\*\*\*\*

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

[www.eurotechracing.com](http://www.eurotechracing.com)

I found this site and just for fun, I thought I'd pass it along for this month's website. This page is for a shop that caters to watercooled. They have everything from engine swaps to nitrous systems. A fun site to look at anyway, even if it is just for the pictures!

Morgan Seog

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

We have one birthday person this month-Tom Matthis on May 25. We will have a contest to guess his age. E-mail your guess or bring it to the meeting. We'll have a small prize for the winner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Portland Swap Meet	Portland Expo	May 5 & 6
Always VW Show	Portland, OR	May
VW Drags/Show	Woodburn, OR	June 2
McMinnville VW Show	McMinnville, OR	June 10
VW Classic	California	June 8-10

Need more information? Call Tommy Wisniewski for details. 503-997-9456

## DISCOUNT AT THE FOLLOWING STORES (WITH CLUB ID):

### ALWAYS V DUB

Steve and Ashley  
1824 SE 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland  
503-235-2757

### DISCOUNT IMPORT PARTS

15100 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie  
503-659-7444

### HALSEY IMPORT PARTS DISTRIBUTING

7721 NE Halsey Street, Portland  
503-256-0182

### DISCOUNT IMPORT PARTS

8622-B SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton  
503-626-7036

## NEW MEMBERS

We have four new members of Absolutely Volkswagen. They are Derek and Amy Deiter, Jacob Flynn, and Michael Davis. Welcome!

## WHO TO ASK / WHO TO CALL

**CLUB PRESIDENT** Tommy Wisniewski 503-997-9456 [Hot\\_VW\\_Bug@yahoo.com](mailto:Hot_VW_Bug@yahoo.com)

**VICE-PRESIDENT** Steven Heller 503-762-5943 ddonicht@uswest.net

**TREASURER** (Office is open)

**NEWSLETTER** Tom & Kerry Matthis 503-761-2336 [TomIvw@aol.com](mailto:TomIvw@aol.com)

**WEB PAGE** Ross Olson is designing the web page

**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH** Morgan Seog [vwgolfgirrl@speed-racer.com](mailto:vwgolfgirrl@speed-racer.com)

**CRUZ DIRECTORS** John Jensen 360-834-4500

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## EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

I want everyone to know that if you see anything that you want to tell everyone, or if you have a funny story to tell WE will be glad to put it into the newsletter. And if you have found a website that you think everyone should know about let us know. We have come up with an **EXTRA, EXTRA, REAL ALL ABOUT IT** section on the last page. This will be for the extra web pages, letters, notes, or whatever people want to say. So, again, please let us know. Oh, and your letter needs to be turned in to Tom and Kerry or Tommy by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Tommy W.