



JUNE 2001

NEXT MEETING

The June meeting of Absolutely Volkswagen will be on Tuesday, June 12, 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

HELLO, EVERYONE ~ The weather is getting nicer and that means summer is coming. June is here already. We have a lot going on this month, and it doesn't stop there. The month of July is another big one.

As we get into June, we have three car shows and our June 23rd Drive-In Movie Night.

At the next meeting I hope to see those guys in the group with the Buggies that come out when the weather is nice. COME ONE, COME ALL!

NEW CLUB CARDS ARE IN ~ Now, if I can get myself going, the cards should be ready by the next meeting.

HOT OFF THE PRESS / HOT OFF THE PRESS / HOT OFF THE PRESS

4th of JULY ~ Absolutely Volkswagen will be in a 4th of July parade, and NOT a small little parade. We need ANY and ALL VOLKSWAGENS, water-cooled/air-cooled. We want to get the club's name out there, and this is ONE way to do it. The parade we are going to be in is a BIG thing. They are having more than just the parade there. They are putting \$100,000.00 into this event. Let's ALL be a part of this, and show the POWER a Volkswagen can have on PEOPLE. Come to the June 12th meeting to find out MORE!

JUNE WEATHER ~

Average High	74
Average Low	52
Record High	100
Record Low	39
Average Precipitation	1.48 inches
Rainy Days	9 days

NEW MEMBERS

Three new members signed up with Absolutely Volkswagen last month. They are Jeremy and Melissa Brooks (and family), and Richard Brown. Welcome!

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.road.com/volkswwebbin/

They have a large site. It has cartoons, links to VW's, VW info and stories. They also have a Resources page, and a Picture Gallery. There is a lot to see at this web page. I lost track of time while looking in here (how time flies when you're having fun!). Some of the cartoons are really funny. The link page takes you all over; if you're not careful you'll find yourself three, four, or five different web pages away from where you started. Everyone should check this page out. Have fun and don't limit yourself, there is too much to see!

Editor's Note ~ We didn't hear from Morgan this month, so Tommy W. contributed this one.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Absolutely Volkswagen club members celebrating birthdays this month are:

Kerry Matthis	June 1
Derek Deiter	June 5
Wynnston Humphrey-Keever	June 3
Whitney Roscoe	June 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

McMinnville VW Show	McMinnville, OR	June 10
VW Classic	California	June 8 - 10
Drive-In Movie	Newberg, OR	June 23
Vintage Meet/Bug Nat	Seattle, WA	July 13 - 15
Rose City Bug-In	Portland, OR	July 21

DISCOUNT AT THE FOLLOWING STORES (WITH CLUB ID):

ALWAYS V DUB

Steve and Ashley
1824 SE 50th 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
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EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

Editor's Note ~ This section is for any comments, information, or opinions that members would like to share with the rest of the club.

JUST DRIVE IT!

It's come to my attention as of late that there are people out there with VW's who are a little hesitant to drive or show their cars in any form, due to the fact that they are not restored vehicles. Well, my opinion and the opinion of many others is, "Just drive it!" The majority of VW enthusiasts will be very happy to see any VW on the road. And those who do respond negatively probably have "trailer queen" cars anyway. If you love your VW as much as I love my VWs, just enjoy the events and lifestyle that revolves around your car and drive it no matter what condition it is in its long and interesting life.

PS ~ and remember it's not a car, it's a cult.

John Jensen

DRIVE THAT VOLKSWAGEN!

I'm writing this to agree with what John was saying. On our club fliers, it says that you do not need a show car to be in the club. Well, that's just what it means. We have a parade coming up and I'm hoping that we have everyone from the club in the parade. I know that everyone will not be able to show up, but I can hope that they do. What I'm trying to say is that I, as a lot of us who not only like Volkswagens, but LIVE Volkswagens, would be much happier to see a Volkswagen on the road (ANY TYPE) than to see another Ford or Chevy on the road. So, if you ask John or myself, your answer will be, "Just drive it!" (The Volkswagen, that is.)

Tommy Wisniewski

MAY 2001 PICNIC CRUZ

There were seven VWs that showed up for the Picnic Cruz on Sunday, May 20. One of the cars was an invited guest, not a club member's vehicle. Some of the VWs carried more than one club member, though. Participation fell a little short of what was hoped for. We met at Stark Street Pizza, and waited until 10:30, just in case anyone was running late.

Our caravan traveled up I-84, drove on part of the old scenic Columbia Gorge Highway, back to I-84, and on to the Bridge of the Gods. We made a stop there before crossing. People bought snacks and drinks, chatted, the dogs got a walk and some water, and there was smoked salmon for sale, too. (It was great!) We crossed the toll bridge and headed to Camas, Washington. We followed John Jensen to his place (didn't lose anyone) so we could eat our picnic lunches. We also got a tour of his barn, and got to see lots of his VW goodies. There was lots of time to visit and admire each other's vehicles. And the weather was great!

It would be helpful when making plans in the future to know what those who participated liked (or didn't like) about the Cruz.

Also, for those who did not make it--

Is it the kind of event you just aren't interested in?

Do you need more time to make plans?

Is Sunday a bad day?

Or was it just too early to get going?

You can phone Tommy or John or Tom and Kerry, e-mail us, or tell us in person at the meeting.

Pictures from the Cruz will be e-mailed separate from the newsletter.

NEW BEETLE LICENSE PLATES

Ross Olson reported seeing these around town:

On a Red NB -- "buds-bg"

On a Turbonium NB -- "BTL JUC"

On a Reflex Yellow NB -- "THE BUG"

Another yellow New Beetle -- "YOLK"

Tommy Wisniewski saw this on yet another yellow NB -- "TWE TY-B"