



**July 2001**

## **NEXT MEETING**

The July meeting of Absolutely Volkswagen will be on Tuesday, July 10, 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 To All ~ It is finally July, now the weather should be getting better. There is lots to say. Where do I start?

#1 The drive-in movie went off wonderfully. I went around and took count right after the first movie started. We had 64 Volkswagens show up. I had fun talking to all the Volkswagen people out there I could. Both the movies that we saw, Shrek and Pearl Harbor, I thought were really good. I can't wait to do this again next year.

#2 Our website is up and running. Good job, Ross! The address is -- [www.absvw.org](http://www.absvw.org). Tom Matthis was "selling" old VW magazines (taking donations, not selling) out of his trunk at the drive-in, in order to help pay for the website. We made \$11.15 that night. Thanks for your support! He will bring what's left to the July meeting.

#3 We are very excited about participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Longview, Washington. We'll meet at Stark Street Pizza on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15 AM, and leave at 8:30 SHARP. If you can't make the parade, come to the meeting and hear all about it.

### **JULY WEATHER ~**

Average High	79.9
Average Low	56.5
Record High	107.0
Record Low	43.0
Rainy Days	4 days

## **WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**

[www.vwtrendsworld.com/main.shtml](http://www.vwtrendsworld.com/main.shtml)

*Contributed by Tom Matthis*

I was sent this site by somebody not in the club. It has lots of stuff to look at. It has a calendar of VW events taking place all over the world.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Absolutely Volkswagen club members celebrating birthdays this month are:

Jessica Roberts	July 2	Debra Humphrey-Keever	July 12
Stephen Conser	July 3	John Jensen	July 13

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Vintage Meet/Bug Nat	Seattle, WA	July 13 - 15
Rose City Bug-In	Portland, OR	July 21
Gorge VW Show	Hood River, OR	August 11 & 12
End of the World Cruz	Long Beach, WA	September 8 & 9
Yakima VW Show	Yakima, WA	September 15 & 16

## 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

## LICENSE PLATES

*Reported by Ross Olson --*

Blue Trek Edition Jetta: RTREKR

Blue Passat: VLKS VW

Silver NB: JJS BUG

Silver NB: PEC MAN (The plate frame said something about a health club, owned by Bill Peg, I think.)

## LICENSE PLATES (continued)

*Spotted by Tom and Kerry Matthis --*

White NB: GMY BUG

Yellow NB: SQSITO Got any ideas what that means? (The plate frame had palm trees on either side--cute!)

## DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS~OREGON'S TOP TEN

*(From the KATU website)*

The Hillsboro intersection of SW 185<sup>th</sup> and Baseline took the top spot, followed by Salem's SE 25<sup>t</sup> and Mission Street and Portland's 82<sup>nd</sup> and SE Powell Boulevard. In Vancouver, the most dangerous was at NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 76<sup>th</sup> Street. This intersection took seventh overall in the state of Washington.

### **Oregon's Top Ten:**

1. 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW Baseline Road, Hillsboro
2. 25<sup>th</sup> Street SE and Mission Street SE, Salem
3. SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SE Powell Boulevard, Portland
4. SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SE Johnson Creek Boulevard, Clackamas County
5. SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and SE Division Street, Portland
6. Lancaster Drive NE and Market Street NE, Salem
7. SW 158<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW Walker Road, Beaverton
8. Lancaster Drive NE and Center Street NE, Salem
9. NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and NE Glisan Street, Portland
10. NE 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE Sandy Boulevard, Portland

## WHO TO ASK / WHO TO CALL

<b>CLUB PRESIDENT</b>	Tommy Wisniewski	503-997-9456	<a href="mailto:Hot_VW_Bug@yahoo.com">Hot_VW_Bug@yahoo.com</a>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Steven Heller	503-762-5943	<a href="mailto:ddonicht@uswest.net">ddonicht@uswest.net</a>
<b>TREASURER</b>	(Office is open)		
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	Tom & Kerry Matthis	503-761-2336	<a href="mailto:TomIlvw@aol.com">TomIlvw@aol.com</a>
<b>WEB PAGE</b>	Ross Olson		
<b>WEBSITE OF THE MONTH</b>	???		
<b>CRUZ DIRECTORS</b>	John Jensen	360-834-4500	
	Jason Sample	360-834-4570	
	Chris Sample	360-885-0820	

## **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.*

### **THE SPRINGFIELD CAR SHOW**

The day started out pretty good. I was met at work by AJ and his friend who newly joined the club, to head out for the car show. Well, we chatted a little at work, then left for Eugene. I stopped for something to drink. And again we headed out. Things were going smoothly when, just after passing Salem, what do we see? A new white VW bug and a 70's VW pick-up alongside the road. We waved and kept going. About 5 minutes later (if that) the new bug was at my side door asking if we were headed to the show in Springfield. "Yes," I said. Well, the pick-up and the bug were waiting for a friend to come by and get them to the show. Well, they were waiting there for 2 hours. So they joined in the group of 4 (now) cars. About 25 miles down the road at the rest area before Albany, Oregon the VW pick-up stops without flashing anyone, he changes his mind, and he doesn't want to go to Springfield. We didn't see him turn so 3 more miles down the road we pull over and wait for him. Well, he's not coming. So the New Bug turns around and goes to look for him while we keep going. Well, he finds the pick-up and we end up getting to the turn-off on I-5 to Highway 101. There we wait 10 minutes for them to catch up. We see them coming so we pull into traffic and off we go again. Then as we are on the off ramp, we see a Baja stopped on the side of the road. (We just can't leave a stuck VW on the side of the road). So we look and he has a short somewhere in his turn signals, so the car didn't want to run. Well, we get him running. (Without turn signals), but running! Back to the road. Well, as we are driving, I take one exit too soon and we take the back way to the show. Wow! What a trip. Just remember that when you think something's an easy trip, you could be wrong.

Tommy Wisniewski