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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

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Jetta Hybrid Sets Production Car Land Speed Record



Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah – After becoming the world’s fastest hybrid at Bonneville in August, the Volkswagen Jetta Hybrid LSR returned to the Salt Flats on October 5th to break the Southern California Timing Association’s (SCTA) H/PS land speed record. The class is for production cars with engines of less than 1.5 liters that use forced induction.

Motor Trend Associate Road Test Editor Carlos Lago averaged 186.313 mph over two runs during the SCTA’s World Finals event, eclipsing the previous record by 18.8 mph. In the course of making his second run, Lago averaged 187.147 mph for the last mile, beating the magical 300 km/h mark. This is also the fastest run recorded by a hybrid, beating the 185.394 mph set by the same car back in August.

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Meetings normally held at 5 'N Diner on Hwy 50 in east Orlando, second SATURDAY of month, 2PM.

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“We’re very proud that the Jetta Hybrid has not only posted the fastest speed for a hybrid at Bonneville, but that it has gone out and broken an SCTA land speed record as well,” said Jonathan Browning, CEO and President, Volkswagen Group of America. “Achieving this record at Bonneville shows that the all-new 2013 Jetta Hybrid is a distinctly different offering in the compact hybrid class, offering excellent fuel economy while retaining the fun-to-drive nature expected from a Volkswagen.”



Lago drove a Jetta Hybrid specially modified to run in the SCTA’s H/PS class. The all-new 2013 Jetta Hybrid marries a 1.4-liter turbocharged, direct-injection four-cylinder TSI® gasoline engine with a seven-speed DSG® dual-clutch automatic transmission and an electric motor. The combined output of the engine and electric motor is 170 horsepower, along with 184 pound-feet of torque.

Because the Jetta Hybrid runs in a production-car class, modifications are strictly controlled by the SCTA. The suspension was lowered, special Salt Flat wheels and tires fitted, and the interior was stripped and outfitted with full safety equipment, such as a rollcage, racing seat and harness, and a full fire suppression system. The powertrain is the area with the most freedom under the rules and was modified by Volkswagen R&D in Wolfsburg, Germany, in order to make the kind of horsepower needed to run at such high speeds at Bonneville—in this case, somewhere around 300 hp.

Project integration and other modifications to enable the car to run safely on the salt were handled by A-Salt Racing and Advanced Product Engineering, based in Camarillo, California. The implementation and final calibration of the drivetrain in the car was supported by the engineers from the Volkswagen Test Center California in Oxnard, CA.



Secretary's Report

The October Meeting of the Central Florida VW Club was held at the Five and Diner on Colonial Drive in Orlando on the 13th of the month.

Those in attendance were: Rollie Walker, Richard Van Treuren, Chris Hobbs, Will Euverard, Don Steiner, Bill and Pattie Neary.

New Biz:

The November meeting will be held at 1 PM in the food court area of Bug Jam, same as the last few years. Sunday, November 11, 2012. We are not entering as a whole club, but members who wish to compete with their cars are encouraged to register at <http://www.pascobugjam.com/>

See attached pages for a map to the show. Admission is \$5 plus a can of food for donation, parking is \$2.

We will be going to the Willow Tree Café in Sanford for the December meeting.

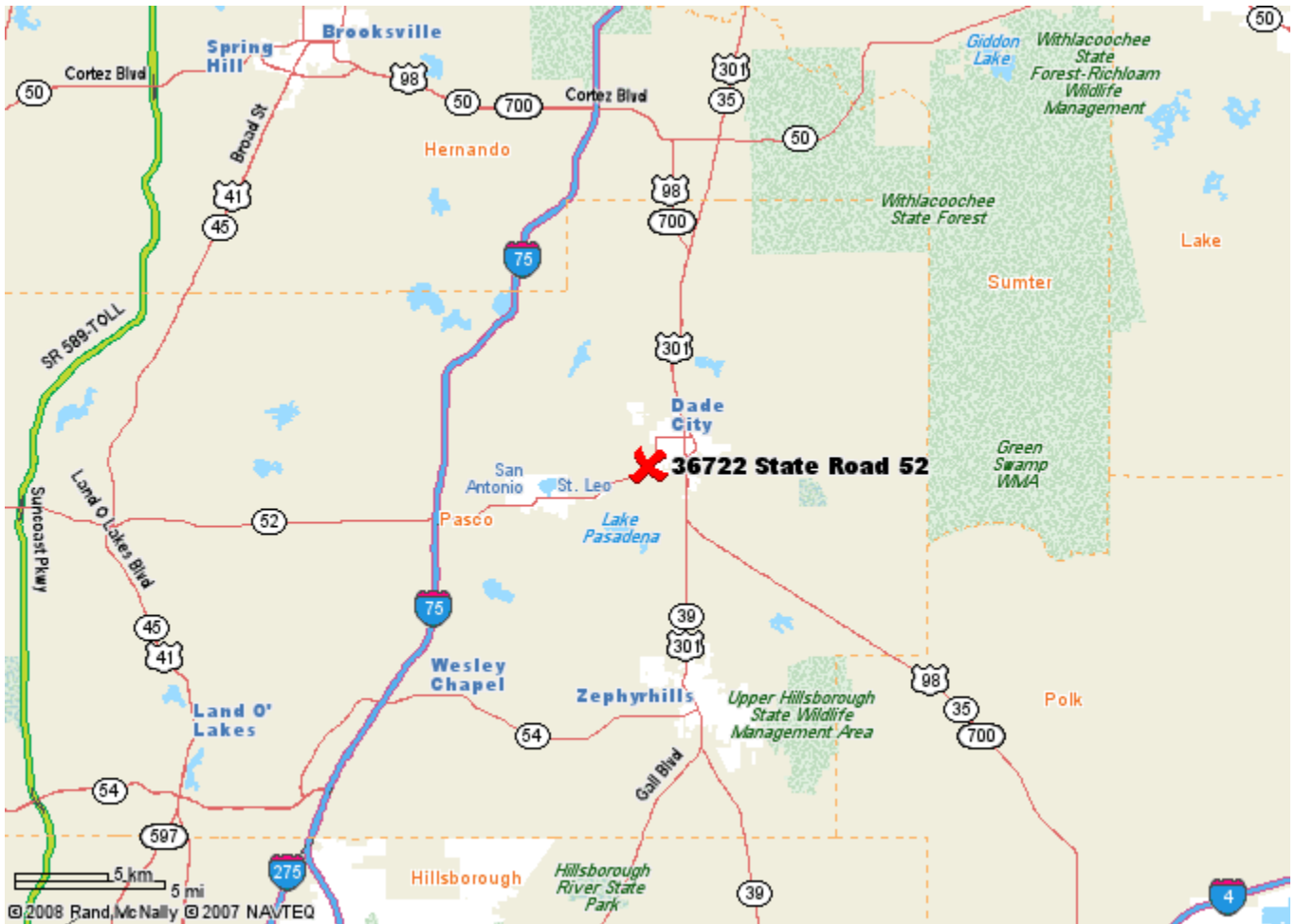
We discussed the Convention for 2013 in Chattanooga. The date is now set: August 1 thru 4, 2013. Will provided a card for a possible hotel, Rich will scan and pass on to Maurice Goldstein who is the convention contact man. Several people indicated they would go up for the Convention.

March Show and Shine:

We have lost our venue at the District 46 Entertainment Complex as they are closed down. Rollie is going to check with the City of Winter Springs for the use of Central Winds Park for the 10th of March, and to verify our sponsoring dealer, Aristocrat, is on board with all this.

Minutes by Richard standing in for Debbie Van Treuren, Secretary

Pasco Bug Jam Location Map





SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

Hello Everyone!

For this month's safety tip, I want to include some information about **Travel Time and Speed**

If all of us take the time to make safety a part of our daily routine, we will all benefit from it.

For a little background on this lesson to share:

While I was stationed here in Orlando in the late 1990's we had a student get a ticket on a motorcycle for doing **130mph** heading towards Cocoa Beach on East Route 50. **YES... 130 mph!**

The punishment? We had the student go around and give a speech to EVERY class regarding speeding. Afterwards, we saw a DRASTIC reduction in speeding tickets issued to students after the speech!

As an example to explain: (I have rounded the numbers for ease of explanation)

Orlando to Cocoa Beach= 60 miles. If you could make the instantaneous jump to 60 MPH from your driveway to the beach and maintain 60 MPH it would take you 1 hour. **Realistically**, you would average about 45mph which is more like 80 minutes travel time. So you are saving how much time speeding?

While stationed in Connecticut from the late 80's to early 90's, I traveled I-95 each day for about 25 miles. I would exceed the speed limit traveling to/from work each day. I was constantly looking for speed traps. Getting aggravated at the slower drivers and getting to my destination all steamed up. I realized that I was only saving myself a few minutes (if any at all). I decided to set the cruise control for the speed limit, turn up the radio and enjoy myself. WOW what a difference it made!

When I drive each morning down the East-West 408, I travel 12 miles on the SR 408. The speed limit varies from 55 mph to 60 mph. If I decided to rip through traffic doing 75 mph I would only save about a minute on my commute! What are the possible consequences? Do the speed limit and enjoy the drive!

I bet we all have had the chance to witness the other driver weaving and speeding only to catch up to them at the next traffic light?

My point to all of this?

So all of your zipping and weaving in and out of traffic may only save you a minutes or so. *Is it really worth it?* How many people will you make mad? What if you caused an accident? Speeding ticket? Insurance cost? High blood pressure? Could you live with the moral and/or financial consequences? What if you hit a child speeding through a neighborhood? Could you face a parent to tell them "I am very sorry about your son or daughter, but I was in a hurry to get there". Could you face a kid and tell them "I was in a hurry, I am really sorry about your Mom or Dad"...
Why even put up with the aggravation? Why take the chance? Don't wait until it is too late!

JUST SLOW DOWN-Enjoy the drive, enjoy life, save yourself and others too!

Have a great month and stay safe!



Bill Neary

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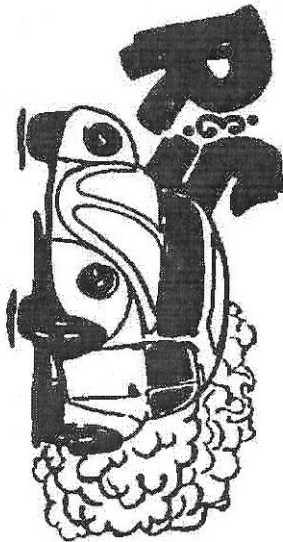
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Meeting!

The November Meeting will be held at the
BUG JAM at the Pasco County Fairgrounds,

in Dade City

FOOD COURT AREA 1:00 PM

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