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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

→JUNE MEETING AT STEAK N SHAKE - SEE INSIDE←

7th GENERATION GTI



To date, nearly 1.9 million Golf GTI cars have been produced at the Volkswagen plant in Wolfsburg and sold worldwide. Back in 1976, when the GTI was invented, no one could have predicted such success. 5,000 units were planned, of a car that is the most successful of its type in the world. A phenomenon. The first Golf GTI, launched 37 years ago, defined a fundamental standard for dynamic performance that was more precise than any other compact car. The affordable Volkswagen also made automotive sportiness more attainable than ever for people. Everything was simply right about it – the safe and taut chassis, the agile and fuel-efficient injection engine and the car's styling that was as unmistakable as it was timeless. All of this combined with the insignias of a future icon – a red stripe around the radiator grille, a black border around the rear windscreen, a sport steering wheel like in the Scirocco Coupé, a golf ball as a gear shift grip, ergonomically perfect sport seats with a classic tartan design and a name that would never be forgotten: GTI. Now a new seventh generation GTI is launching. It will arrive at dealers starting in May, and advance sales have begun.

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Local membership includes National Club and newsletters: \$30/ family per year

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

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GTI Design Vision





Secretary's Report

The Central Florida Volkswagen Club met on the 11th of May at Van Treuren's Dome in Edgewater. We had a pretty good turnout with 11 members present: Rollie Walker, Chris Hobbs, Saul Klein, Bill Neary, Pattie Chaney, Joan and Will Euverard, Debbie and Rich Van Treuren and Patricia and Michael Chin.



Club Biz:

Before everyone got to the meeting, Rollie and Debbie worked through membership renewals. There are a few long time club members who have not sent in renewal forms yet. Please do so using the stamped self addressed envelope that was included in your renewal form. Thanks.

The National Club (VWCA) has asked us if we would host the National Convention in 2014. We discussed this and no decision was reached. It will hinge on whether we can arrange for a reasonable hotel and have our car show next year, which allows us to do cool things like hold a convention. Combining the show and convention would be the ideal situation. Richard has volunteered to ask Shell Tomlin about a March Convention.

Everyone is aware that our regular meeting place had a fire two months ago. The new place, Steak and Shake, seems to be a good substitute until the 5 and Diner can be rebuilt. We hope this change will be temporary and everyone will still come to the meetings.

Bill Neary accepted the office of Vice President in addition to his duties as Safety Officer and sending out the newsletter. Thank you Bill, for taking on the additional duties...

The meeting lasted until about 4:30. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who brought yummys to share! After the meeting, several members went home and some stayed to go to the New Smyrna Beach monthly Cruise Night on Canal Street. Lots of nice older trucks and cars- every make and model is welcome, Will and Joan parked on the street with their Bug. There was a nice Camper parked next to them.

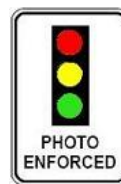
Next meeting will be at the Steak and Shake on 50 not too far from the Aristocrat East.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Van Treuren, Secretary

Classified Ads:

Roof Racks for 1999 Passat Wagon, (fits any VW of that generation; won't fit new racks 40" wide) Hardware, carrying case, tool included. \$50.

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SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

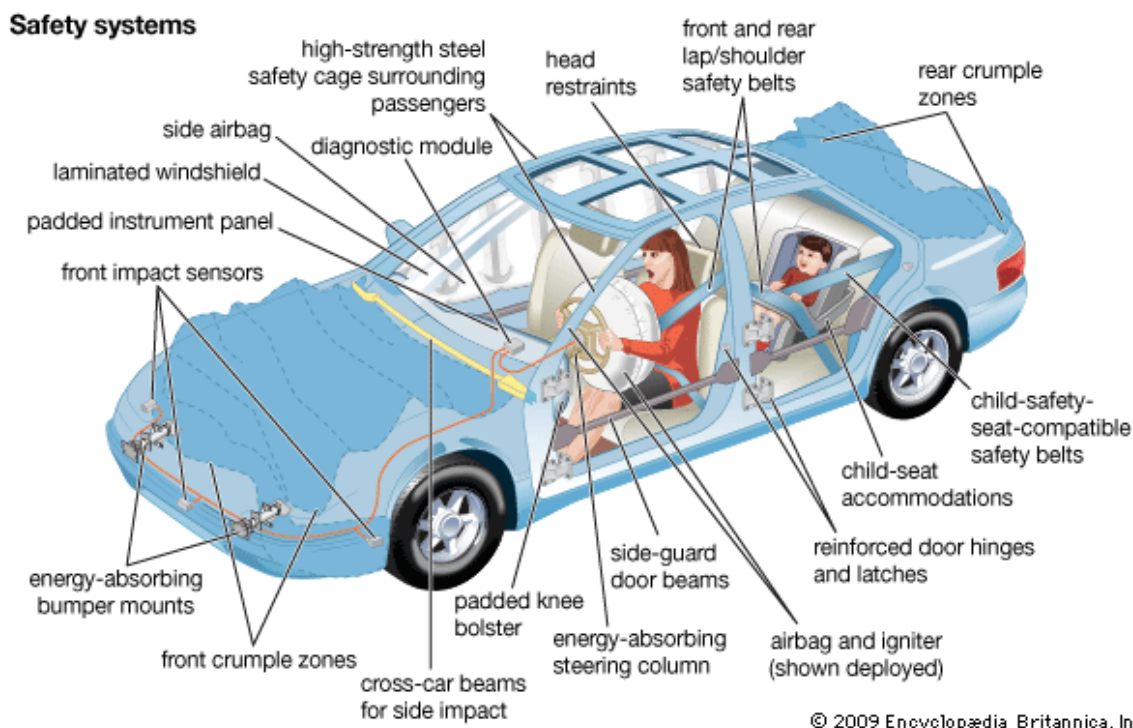
Hello Everyone!

Summertime is almost upon us once again and many of us will likely be driving our VW's more.

I volunteered to be the club safety coordinator (although my military service should have warned me otherwise) because I am a strong believer in vehicle safety and would not be here without some of those safety features. Seatbelts saved my life during two **extremely** severe collisions and several minor collisions. *(none of which were my fault, but caused by the inattentiveness of the other driver).*

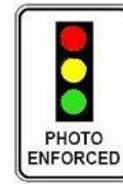
During my travels in the military and the amount of driving I have done over the years, I have been unfortunate to have witnessed too many accidents and deaths due to lack of seatbelts and other factors related to poor decisions and driving.

Here is a sample of just **some of the progress** that has been made over the years regarding vehicle safety and design. Many of us can remember before seatbelts, third brake lights, airbags, ABS, traction control and many other advances on our new cars that we now take for granted....



Our job as a driver before we get behind the wheel is to remember that we are driving a 3,500+ pound weapon. This weapon is capable of causing a great amount of destruction. It must be respected to protect ourselves and others on the road with us.

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***It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road.
– Anonymous***

Despite various technological advancements and stringent road traffic regulations, to ensure driver and car safety, the number of car collisions has risen steadily over the years. With six million automobile collisions and nearly three million contributing to serious injuries, the financial obligation arising from these collisions is a mind boggling \$230 billion annually!

Distracted driving, driving under influence of alcohol and over speeding are the most attributed causes for these alarming numbers.

By being cautious, well prepared and driving a well maintained auto, you can greatly reduce this risk. Maintenance - Performing a routine safety vehicle inspection not only ensures a safe driving experience for you, but also adds to the life of your auto. A comprehensive inspection should be carried out at the auto shop every 5000 miles and at home every 1000 miles. All auto shops have a car safety checklist that consists of all the parameters that are essential to car safety. Ensure you don't miss these inspection routines.

Most of us find the time to surf the web, either at home, work or otherwise. If you take just a few minutes, you will be surprised at the amount of information available regarding automotive safety.

From time to time, you can check on your vehicle to see if there are any current recalls or any technical service bulletins.

Here are also some web links regarding safety as well.

www.recalls.gov/nhtsa.html

www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallsearch.cfm

www.nhtsa.gov/Vehicle+Safety

www.osha.gov/SLTC/motorvehiclesafety/index.html

www.aaa.com

(Google search will show a significant amount of links as well)

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

Have a great month and stay safe!

Bill Neary
Vice President
Central Florida VW Club

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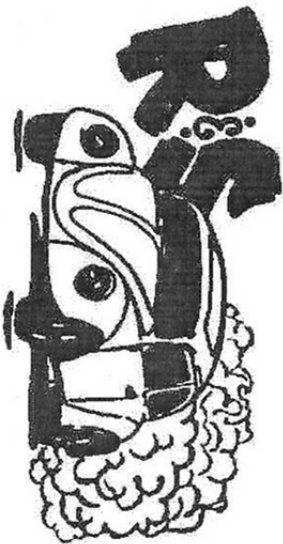
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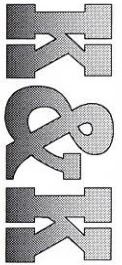
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