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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

→ MAY and JUN MEETINGS CANCELED due to COVID-19 ←

## Chattanooga Produces Its 1,000,000th Car



The millionth vehicle ever produced at Volkswagen’s Chattanooga plant has rolled off the line. The car is an Aurora Red 2020 Passat R-Line. “It’s gratifying to me that our team is back to work and able to mark yet another key milestone since the opening of VW’s Chattanooga plant,” said Tom du Plessis, president and CEO of Volkswagen Chattanooga. “Part of us getting back to normal is taking time to recognize these important achievements which are only possible because of the hard work and commitment of our exceptional team here in Chattanooga.”

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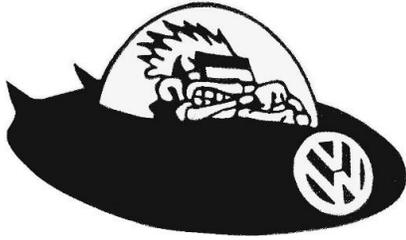
Meetings normally held at the Mellow Mushroom, Sanford, second SATURDAY of month, 2PM.

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The plant has been producing Passats since 2011. It now produces Atlas and Atlas Cross Sports, as well, and exports to Canada, Mexico, Russia, South Korea, and the Middle East. The plant will soon also play host to production of electric vehicles as the ID.4 electric crossover will eventually be produced there. The plant isn't scheduled to start rolling out examples of Volkswagen's ID. CROZZ electric crossover (below) until 2022, but by the time it does, about 1,000 new jobs will have been added at the facility.





# Secretary's Report

The MAR meeting was held 14 MAR 20 at Mellow Mushroom, Sanford. In attendance were: Rollie Walker, Chris Hobbs, Wayne Johnson, Charles Schambeau, Russell Becker, and Bonnie Zietkiewicz. APR. MAY and JUN meetings were not held due to Covid-19 pandemic rules. We are hoping to resume regular meetings in July; if so, the July meeting will be held at the Mellow Mushroom, Sanford, on Saturday, 11 JUL 2020. Minutes by Deborah Van Treuren, Sec.



In response to the story on the Checker/Autodynamics-built stretched Rabbit taxi, Bob Johnson sent along this rendering of a similar stretch Rabbit taxi that he and Bob Bourke did at the time for Wayne Corporation's Professional Car Division. According to Johnson, the Rabbit was to be a diesel. "A short assembly line was established and a series of vehicles were built," he noted.

However, we also heard from Mark Hopkins, who worked for Wayne at the time and told a slightly different story.

About 2 years before the Professional car div. was closed down permanently we built two prototype VW Rabbit cabs. Our production intent was to build them on the soon to be offered Chrysler "L" body (Horizon/Omni). We built ours differently than the Checker. We did not stretch the rear door but stretched it at the "B" pillar. Our car looks exactly like the Yellow Rabbit cab in the video. I believe that is one of the two Wayne/VW cabs and not a Checker. Indian Head (the Corporation owner of Wayne) killed the cab idea soon after the two prototypes were built. We were instructed to destroy the prototypes and did so. I had mentioned the situation to one of our ambulance competitors soon after and told him where the pieces went. He bought them and between the two put one back together. It is likely still together.

## FOR SALE

Sharan Bryant <brynbryant <brynbryant@gmail.com> e-mailed CFVWC,

I am in Ponte Vedra, Fl. I am selling my Classic 20 year old VW 2000 Passat-GLX-V6 green pearlized wagon with 5-speed manual gears. It has some uncommon features, ie. color and 5-sp manual shift, and under miles of 175,759. I am looking for a "home" for a still good car.

Ken Voss <kenvoss@caribbeanbuilding.com> e-mailed the National, "I have a set (4) of 2020 VW Beetle 'Final Edition' wheels that I need to get rid of urgently!! moving to a condo!! - Any reasonable offer would be accepted!! These wheels were on the car for 5 miles from the dealer to the tire shop where I put on a set of after market wheels. I would just like someone who can use them to have them. my cell 954-562-8336"

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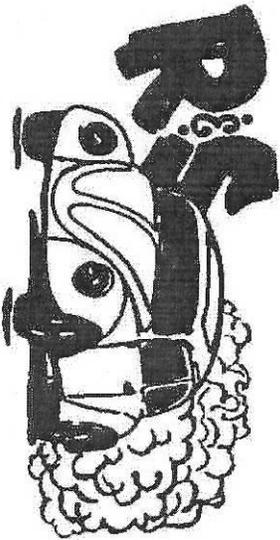
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