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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

➔OCT MEETING @ Mellow Mushroom Sanford ←

Audi Teams with Amazon for EV Charging



Audi has just begun regular production of its e-tron electric SUV. There are dozens of home chargers on the market but each one will need to be installed by a licensed electrician. This will require a building permit and inspection if upgrades to the home's electrical service are required. So Audi has teamed up with Amazon to simplify the process. A few mouse clicks, and the whole process will be taken care of with a minimum of hassle. Audi is also offering e-tron owners 1,000 kWh of free electricity over 4 years if they use the fast charging network being constructed by Electrify America. That network will have 500 fast charging sites either completed or under development in 40 states and 17 metropolitan areas by July, 2019, according to Audi. Electrify America and Audi are both part of Volkswagen group. Audi is also partnering with Arcadia Power, a company that allows consumers to choose renewable energy for their domestic use no matter where they live. If green power is not physically available in a given area, Arcadia uses renewable energy credits to offset the emissions impact of the local power generators. The link with Arcadia will help e-tron owners to charge their cars with the greenest energy available. Tesla has a 6 year head start. But at least Audi and parent Volkswagen are thinking about the issue, something most other legacy manufacturers haven't gotten around to yet. If Tesla gets a 10 for helping its customers install home chargers easily and have access to high-power chargers while travelling, Audi and Volkswagen get only a 2. OK, maybe a 3. But it's a start. Things can only get better from here.

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

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VW SHOWS ELECTRIC CAR CHASSIS DESIGN



Shown devoid of any bodywork at a media event held in Dresden, Germany, the MEB platform signals the beginning of what Volkswagen is calling its "Electric for All" campaign. The goal is to make electric cars more affordable, and more appealing thanks to greater range and quicker charging. According to VW, a vehicle using this platform can recharge up to 80-percent of its battery pack in as little as 30 minutes.

Volkswagen is literally laying bare its plans for millions of upcoming electric-powered cars and trucks. Called the MEB platform, this dedicated EV chassis will form the backbone of the German automaker's electrification effort. According to VW, approximately 10 million vehicles will be built on the MEB architecture and, according to one source, this represents a move that's as big as when VW shifted its primary focus from the original and long-serving Beetle in the late-1970s.

"We will make electric vehicles popular and get as many people as possible excited about electric cars," said Thomas Ulbrich, brand board member for E-mobility. "The MEB is one of the most important projects in the history of Volkswagen — a technological milestone, similar to the transition from the Beetle to the Golf."

This platform will form the basis of the upcoming Volkswagen I.D. electric car, which is scheduled to go into production toward the end of next year. Stretching about the same size as a current Golf hatchback, VW has previously said the I.D. will undercut the Tesla Model 3 by roughly \$8,000. If VW is talking about the \$35,000 entry-level version of the Model 3 — still something of a unicorn in the automotive world as Tesla has built pricier versions first — that would put the VW's price well below \$30,000.

Upcoming variations of the I.D. that will also ride on the MEB platform include the I.D. Crozz, a small crossover vehicle, along with the highly anticipated I.D. Buzz, a concept that previews the return of the beloved VW Microbus.

VW's electrification plans aren't somewhere down the road, in some distant future. The company confirmed it plans to build up to 150,000 electric vehicles in Germany by the end of 2020. In total, 10 million electric VW cars, vans, SUVs, and crossovers will be based on this new architecture.



Secretary's Report

The CFVWC met at the Mellow Mushroom in Sanford on the 8th of September 2018. Those in attendance were Rollie & Dalila Walker, Richard & Debbie Van Treuren, Will Euverard, Marty Felici, Bonnie Zietkiwicz, Russell Becker, Chris Hobbs.

Project reports were discussed.

The Central Florida VW Club will meet on the 13th of October 2018 at the Mellow Mushroom in Sanford on Rinehart Rd. at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Richard Van Treuren, standing in for Secretary.

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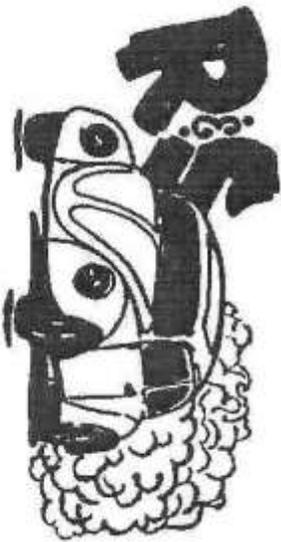
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