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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA VW CLUB

→ SEP MEETING @ Mellow Mushroom ←  
Don't Want To Wait for e-Golf?  
Electrify Your Old Beetle!



On the eve of the Frankfurt auto show, where it will unveil the brand new, all-electric ID.3, Volkswagen is doing a little revisionist history with the eKäfer. Supplied with parts from the Up!dated e-Up!, the eKäfer can generate peak horsepower of around 80 hp. The 14 battery modules like add some weight to this convertible model and appear to have required VW to change the rockers. According to VW, the experiment gets to 80 km/h (roughly 50 mph) in just over 8 seconds and on to a top speed of 150 km/h (93 mph). A range of 200 km (124 miles) means that the old Beetle should be good enough for all your daily needs.

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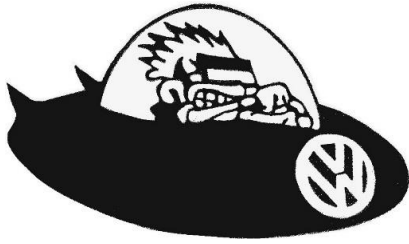
Meetings normally held at the Mellow Mushroom, Sanford, second SATURDAY of month, 2PM.

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This isn't exactly a one-off. As Thomas Schmall, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Group Components explains, VW wants owners interested in their own classic EVs to make their own. "The electrified Beetle combines the charm of our classic car with the mobility of the future," says Schmall. "We are also providing Beetle owners with a professional conversion solution, using production parts of the highest quality." Best off all, the motor is small enough to fit under the hood of just about any air-cooled classic like this. Volkswagen says that it's already working on a Type2 bus.





# Secretary's Report

The August meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mellow Mushroom, Sanford. Present were: Richard & Deb Van Treuren, Wayne Johnson, Russell Becker and Bonnie Zitkeiewicz. No less than four regular attendees were vacationing, and two others were called away to a funeral. Discussions included current projects, Wayne showed everyone his newly rebuilt engine in his blue campmobile. A latecomer parked his Type III Squareback in the lot, but could not be found.

Looking forward to all our regulars returning for the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes by Richard Van Treuren, for Secretary Deborah



## **Antitrust Probe Opened Into VW and Three Others Endorsing California Emissions Pact** By Matt Posky on September 6, 2019

The Justice Department has opened an antitrust probe into four automakers that formed a pact with California to compromise on tailpipe emissions, effectively circumventing federal regulators, last July. Over the summer, Ford Motor Co., Honda Motor Co., BMW AG, and Volkswagen Group announced a joint agreement with the California Air Resources Board to adhere to fueling standards slightly lower than Obama-era rules but still significantly higher than the Trump administration's proposal from 2018. The Justice Department is seeking to determine whether or not that qualifies as a violation of federal competition laws. While jointly adhering to a more-stringent standard over one that has yet to be finalized doesn't really seem like it should be a problem, automakers cooperatively endorsing a new standard leaves room for interpretation. The companies could have said nothing and then simply maintained higher standards on their own. The Wall Street Journal reported on the investigation Friday morning, suggesting it was still in the early stages and was currently focusing on how we came to this juncture in the gas war. Although the fight has been an ongoing issue through the Trump presidency, in February of this year White House officials terminated negotiations. Talks had been breaking down for months and it was presumed the administration would simply move ahead with its original rollback proposal and seek to end California's ability to self-regulate — an issue the state previously said it would defend in court if need be. Congressional hearings also failed to move things along but did highlight exactly how contentious the situation had become.



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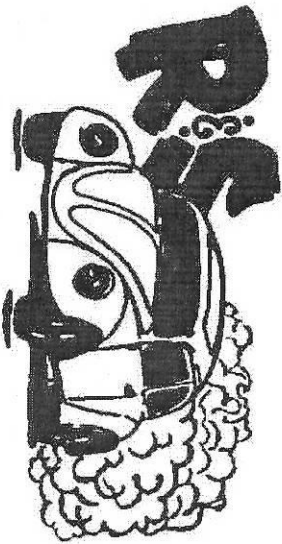
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