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33<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKOUT MEETING in person at the

VAN TREUREN Home in Edgewater, July 10 @ 2 pm!

## ID.4 Takes On Baja



For more than half a century, off-roaders have flocked to Mexico's Baja Peninsula, a notoriously dangerous place to leave the pavement behind to switch from blazing to frigid in a matter of minutes. Last April a specially modified Volkswagen ID.4 electric SUV became the first production EV to complete the National Off-Road Racing Association (NORRA) 1000, also known as the Mexican 1000 – covering some 840 miles of Baja terrain. (Con't)

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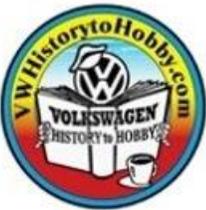
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The Mexican 1000 is the oldest off-road endurance competition in Baja. Its origins date back to 1967 when a Meyers Manx buggy won the inaugural race from Ensenada to Cabo. April's was 1,127 miles, 879 of which was off-road, and took place over five days with regular pitstops. "It's an ideal format for electric vehicles because you have transits between the race stages, which gives you a chance to charge an EV," says racer and Volkswagen brand ambassador Tanner Foust. He experienced another first with the ID.4 — an endurance race in Baja where his vehicle didn't have some mechanical issue.

Charging an EV in the wilderness was one of the team's top hurdles. Foust located a biofuel-powered generator that ran a 50-kW fast charger. At a couple of points, in the transits between stages where the generator couldn't be accessed, the team had to briefly rely on a backup method: flat-towing the ID.4 behind a chase vehicle.

The ID.4 ran without changes to its 82-kWh battery or electric motor, good for 201 horsepower and 229 pound-feet of torque. With assistance from off-road racing builder Rhys Millen, Foust replaced the suspension in the ID.4 with rally-style coil-over struts for the off-road demands. Millen also added tubular lower controls arms, boxed lower rear links, and skid plates. For more sidewall cushioning and wheel travel, the team switched to 18-inch wheels with Yokohama tires. A roll cage bolted into the stripped-down interior, along with an additional screen for detailed battery information.

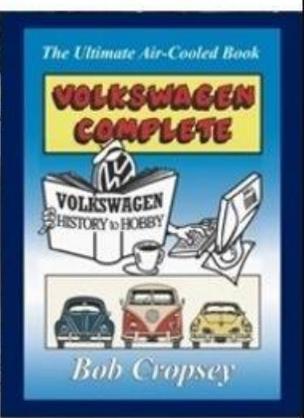
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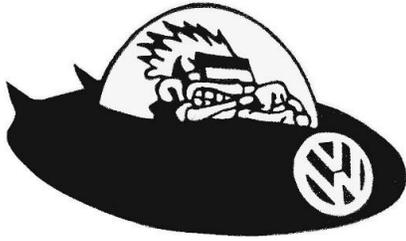
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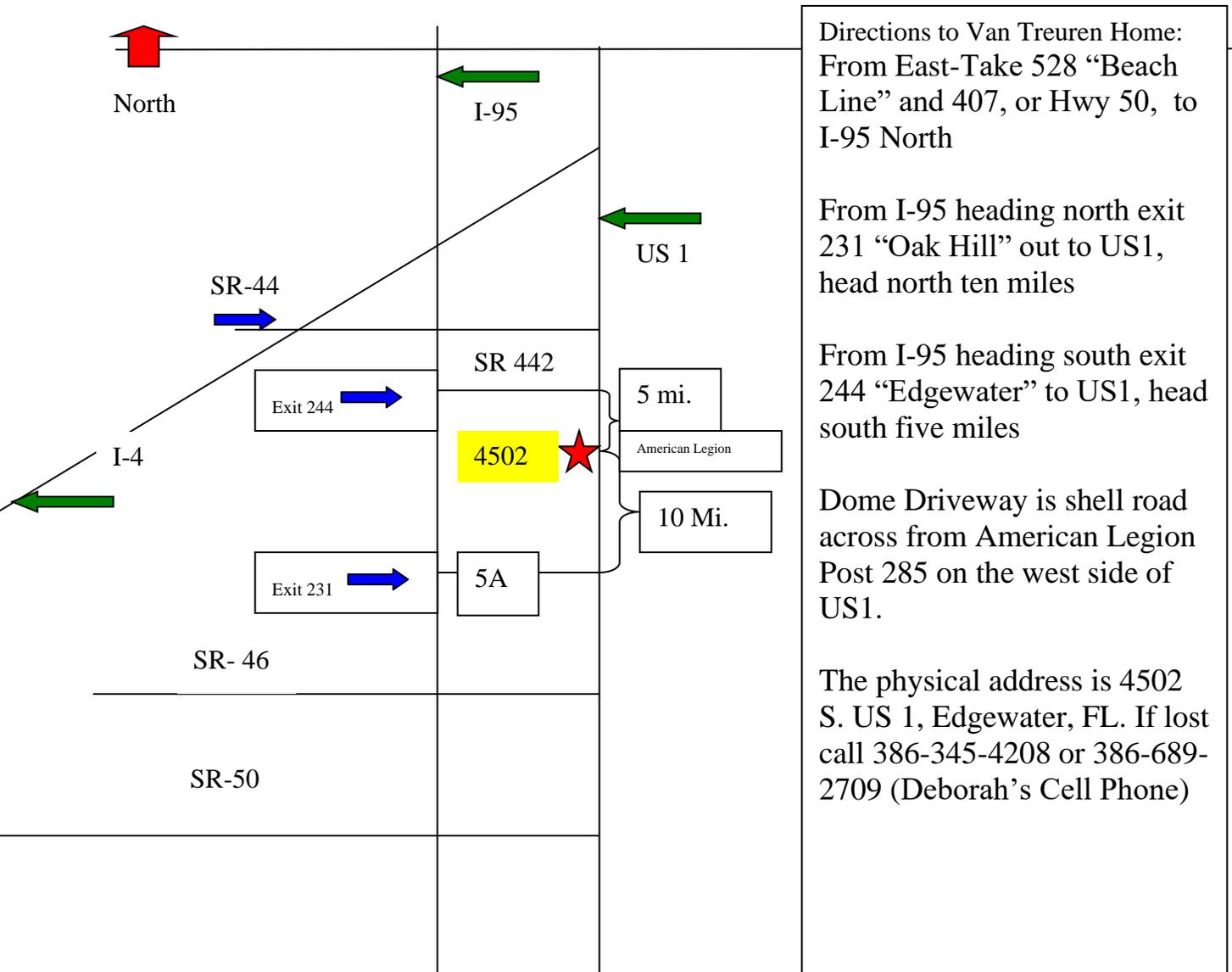


# Secretary's Report

There was a meeting of the CFVWC at the Mellow Mushroom on June 12, fourth since the pandemic shut us down. Members present were Rollie Walker, Rich & Deb Van Treuren, Chris & Madison Hobbs. and Wayne Johnson. In addition to catching up with member's projects and immediate goals, it was resolved to take a poll to see if members wanted to change the meeting location for the upcoming anniversary meeting. (Ed. took a poll and a quorum agreed to meet at the Van Treuren's dome house in Edgewater.)

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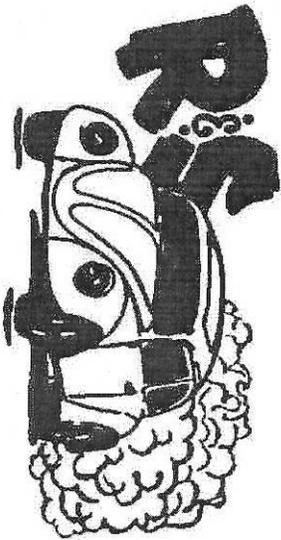


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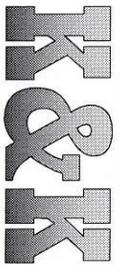
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2 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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