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# CARS

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SHOWS

# editorial

## about the mag

Show season is creeping up on us and will be in full effect before we know it. Hope to see some new stuff you guys have been working on over the winter, meet some new people and see some old friends out soon.

On a personal note I just bought a mk6 and got fired. Rest assured I still have my mk3 and am working out a few issues. Hope to have it out to some shows (VagFair, H2o)

-jvon



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# MK3

## 98 GOLF GTI

### **Who are you and where are you from?**

Elizabeth Wintercorn (aka eRimzabeth). From Chicago, living in Arkansas, will soon be in Florida.

### **When did purchase this car, what year and model is it? and what made you choose this?**

I bought my 1998 GTI in August 2008 as my first car. My dad told me that whatever car I chose had to be something he could work on, which meant either a Volkswagen or a Toyota. So of course I picked a VW. I saw this on an Indiana Craigslist ad and fell in love instantly. I went up there a week later, took it for a test drive around the block, handed him the cash, and drove it home.

### **Who helped you to build the car?**

Aaron Ried and fifteen52 built the car.

### **What makes your car special or unique?**

It's the old fifteen52 widebody ginster. It's so 90's.

### **How satisfied with the outcome of the car 1-10 point scale 10 being super satisfied. What do you still want to do or change to the car?**

Meh 6. Need to make it mine. Needs bodywork done, more shaving, more power. All in due time. I'll have it forever.



**If your car was an icecream flavor which flavor would it be?**

Birthday cake. Because it's the shit, yo.

**What is the furthest trip you have taken with this car and did you have any issues while doing so?**

H2o '11. 1350 miles one way. Not a single issue with it either. The car is a trooper.

**Who do you feel the biggest douchebag on the vortex is?**

Nater the Hater.

**Anything else you wish to share?**

Giraffes rule.

## MODS

Mostly just maintenance stuff, stage 3 clutch, headliner, hood repainted, coilovers, wheels... Everything else was done back in 2002ish lol.



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# MK3

## 97 20th GTI

### Who are you and where are you from?

Nathan white. Ipswich, UK

### When did purchase this car, what year and model is it? and what made you choose this?

Purchased the car feb 2012. I'd seen it for sale on edition38 and needed a new daily at the time. It looked to good to have a look. Ended up not being the best but I haggled hard and got it for a great price.

### Who helped you to build the car?

Car came with wheels and colour change. Interior and other parts fitted by myself. Air build was completed by Matt balls from Balls'd.

### What makes you car special or unique?

The brown is an unusual choice, but its the way it sits that makes this car. It lays frame and all wheels and arches have perfect fitment.

### How satisfied with the outcome of the car 1-10 point scale 10 being super satisfied. What do you still want to do or change to the car?

2/10 The car is soon to be striped and rebuilt with a plan of having it done for UD2014. I have all the parts ready inc every US interior and exterior items, projektzwo mirrors, VR6 conversion, interior trim and rare parts. Will be having a full colour change with the underneath as good as the exterior. Full chrome running gear and engine. Etc, etc.



**If your car was an icecream flavor which flavor would it be?**

Chocolate

**What is the furthest trip you have taken with this car and did you have any issues while doing so?**

It's driven a few long distances and its never let me down.

**Who do you feel the biggest douchebag on the vortex is?**

There are numptys and legends on all forums

**Anything else you wish to share?**

If you like my car now you will love it once I'm finished :)

## MODS

### Suspension:

full accuair e-level air suspension build with air lift struts, raised strut tops, custom wishbones, flipped track rods, custom rear beam, mason tech beam spacers, fully polly bushed and powder coated.

### Wheels:

Schmidt TH lines - Harley davidson crackle black powdercoated centres radinox dishes  
front : 16x8  
rear : 16x9

### Tyre brand/size:

195/40/16 falken  
195/40/16 falken

### Engine:

16v with chrome and crackle black powder coating

### Exterior:

brushed stainless steel antelope brown. Early vento front end. Hella all red rear lights, BS splitter.

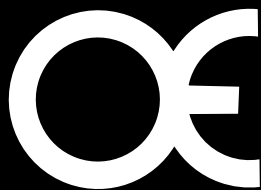
### Interior:

GTI Recaro interior, Momo 280mm steering wheel, accuair centre console build, hardline boot build.





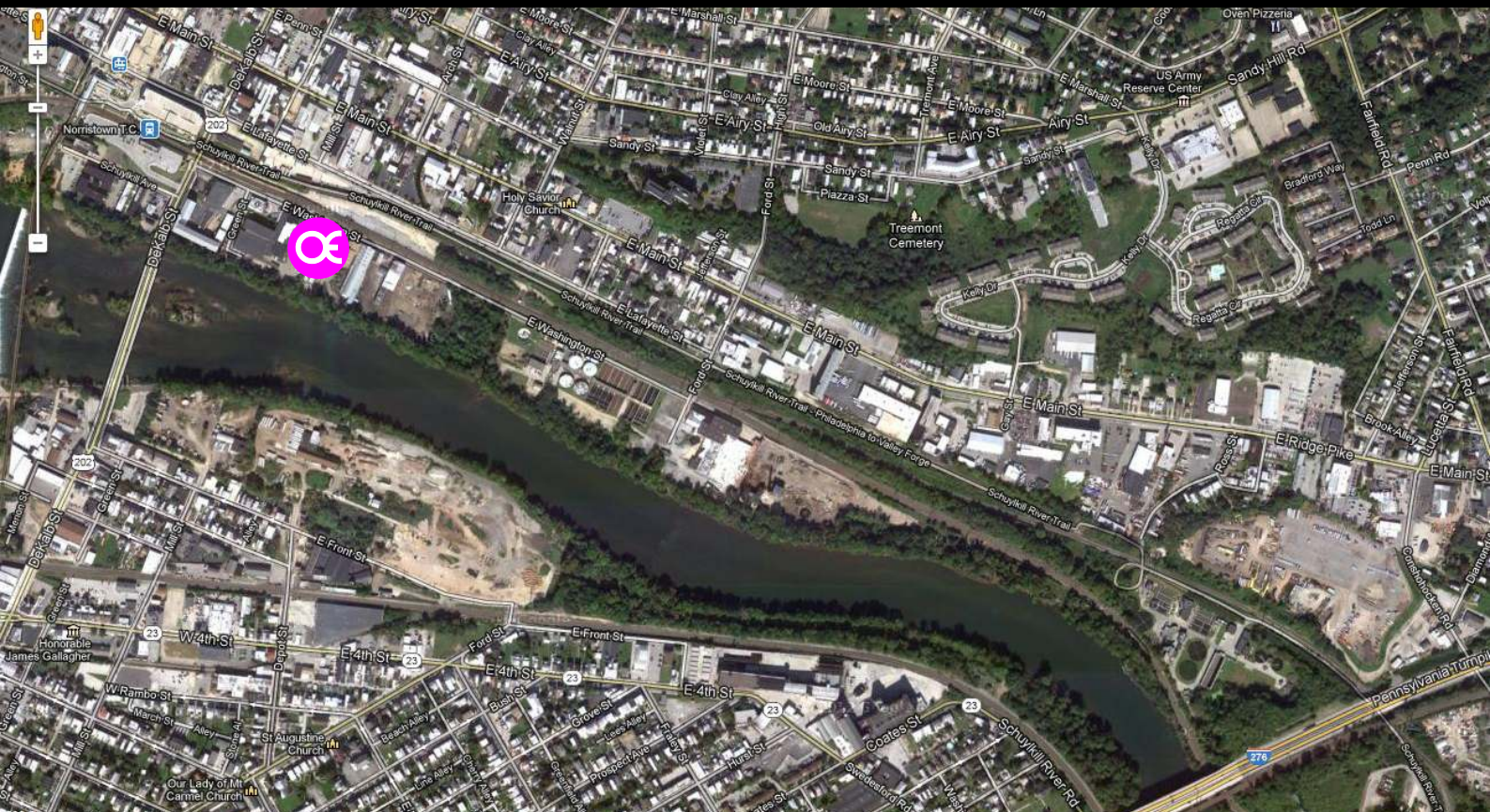




ORCHID EURO



Located just minutes off the PA turnpike in Norristown is small unit filled with European Volkswagen and Audi parts. This place called Orchid Euro is run by a humble guy named Jamie, which is the best place to score rare parts without having to locate and deal with shipping across the pond, exchange rates, etc. If you have a mk3 you definately need to hit this guy up if you need ecodes, euro bumpers, hatches and other random lighting parts or bits. I have gotten numerous things from him in the past and definately will continue to get stuff from him. I am lucky to have a place like this within an hour or so drive. 📍





### **Who are you and where are you from?**

I'm Jamie and I run Orchid Euro. I live in Pottstown, PA which is a suburb of Philadelphia, but originally I'm from Scotland where I was born. I grew up in England before moving to the USA about 10 years ago.

### **When did you start orchid euro and what was the reason or inspiration for doing so?**

I started it with a friend about 5 years ago. We both had a knack for finding cool parts, and were sick of parts getting damaged or getting scammed when buying from Europe. As I guess as a lot of things do, it started as a part-time hobby and went from there. I went full time with the company a couple of years ago and haven't looked back since.

### **Tell me about some of the products you sell?**

I love OEM parts, and try to stick to selling foreign market OEM and old aftermarket parts for watercooled Volkswagens (which is my personal favourite marque of choice) and to a lesser extent Audi as well as other special requests - Lancia, Land Rover, BMW etc. The cost and availability of brand new and NOS OEM European parts continues to get higher and harder to source as the cars we're all building get older, so often getting used OEM parts is the only choice. As we ship using our own full ocean containers we're not really limited in size to what we can bring so it comes down to price and availability. One of our signature products at the moment is the Right Hand Drive conversions.

### **How often do you get new shipments of stuff in?**

On average we do a full tractor trailer worth every 10-14 weeks. We literally fly to Europe, locate and buy the parts, load them, import them, unload them and then retail them. It's often likened to doing what Mike from American Pickers (Antique Archeology) does if that helps explain it.



Tell me about some of the cars you currently own and/or working on?

Oh boy, this is quite a list. I should probably sell them all and just build one of two cars.. Here goes:

My 1997 GTI, which was a standard 2.0L 8v US Spec GTI. It's now being converted into a full European Golf Van complete with metal side window deletes, factory rear seat delete, and just to be different I installed a Euro Mk3 1.6L 8V 'reverse flow' engine which has the exhaust manifold on the front like a Honda. A 1956 NSU moped that I've got stashed away - it was made in the Neckarsulm factory which along with the rest of NSU became part of Audi and is where they still make some of their high end Aluminium cars to this day. A 1974 built Volkswagen Rabbit Swallowtail that I found and towed back east from Nevada (November issue of Performance VW), which is getting a shaved normally aspirated 20V European engine installed. A 1983 Volkswagen Golf GTI which is on the ocean right now coming from England. It's a original Right Hand Drive Mk1 Golf with all the correct GTI trim, and is a car I always wanted to own. It's kind of a rusty crap heap, but it's all there so I'll have some fun rebuilding it a bit. A 2003 Freightliner Sprinter which is getting a full Volkswagen LT35 conversion with all the sheetmetal from Europe - doors, hood, lights, fenders, and all the sub-panels etc that go with it. And then I have my Polos, Lupo, Scirocco Storm, and my 16v VW Fox on Jenvey Throttle Bodies. And probably some more I'm forgetting.

What is your favorite flavor of icecream?

I'm going to go with Strawberry Swirl or a Raspberry Sorbet. I'm vegan, so it's either Sorbet or Soy for ice cream.

What is your website address so people can find more info, etc?

<http://www.orchideuro.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/OrchidEuro/>

Instagram: xjamiexoe

Is there anything else you wish to add or say?

Thanks for the interest. Seriously. I love talking to people, finding awesome parts and helping their projects out most of all, and I really do appreciate that others are interested in what we're doing.









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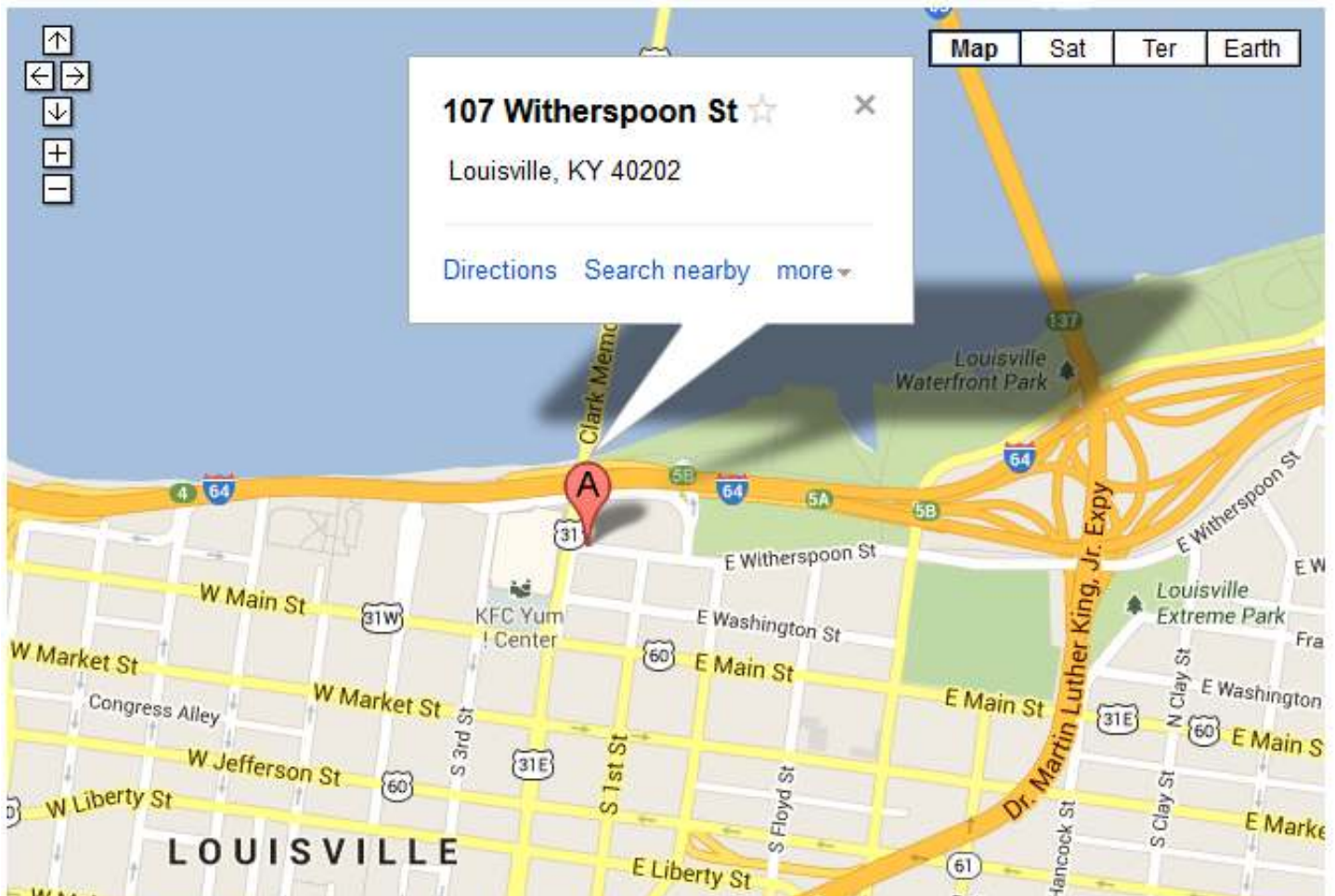
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# Water by the Bridge -2013-

## Directions



Water by the bridge has turned into a pretty legit show after which I believe is in its third year now. Located by the bridge in Louisville, KY this show brings in over 700+ cars. This year it was on March 16th which makes it one of the first shows of the season. I was too lazy to go but had my homey on location shooting some pictures. (tyler pack)



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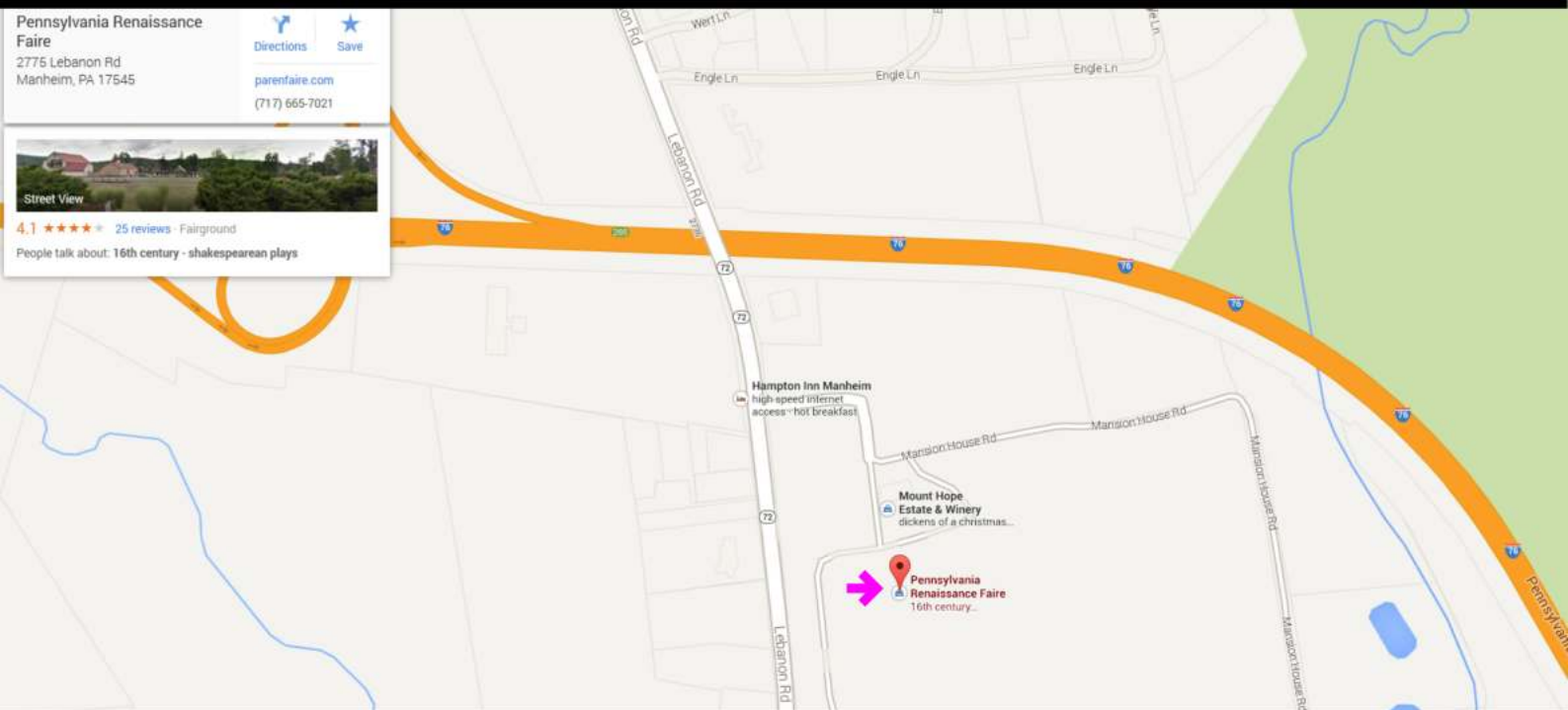
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People talk about: 16th century - shakespearean plays



Volkfest is the name of a whole bunch of car shows but this one in PA apparently is in its 21st year. It changed locations recently to the Mount Hope Estate from some firehall place that I forget where it even was. It occurred on April 27, 2013 at the same site as the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. The show mostly had air cooled vehicles but a few hispster mk4/mk5/mk6s. Also a limited number of mk3's were in attendance. This was the first year I went to it at the new location and it seems like a better place than before. Hung out with my buddies vendor booth most the time. Hit up Speed Happens at the next show for some dope stickers/shirts. (speedhappens.net)





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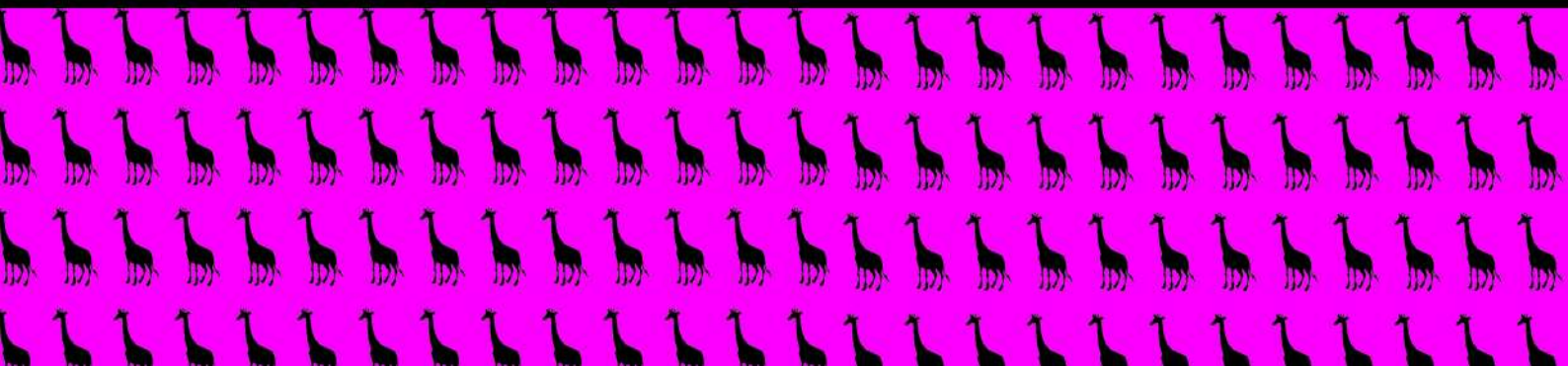
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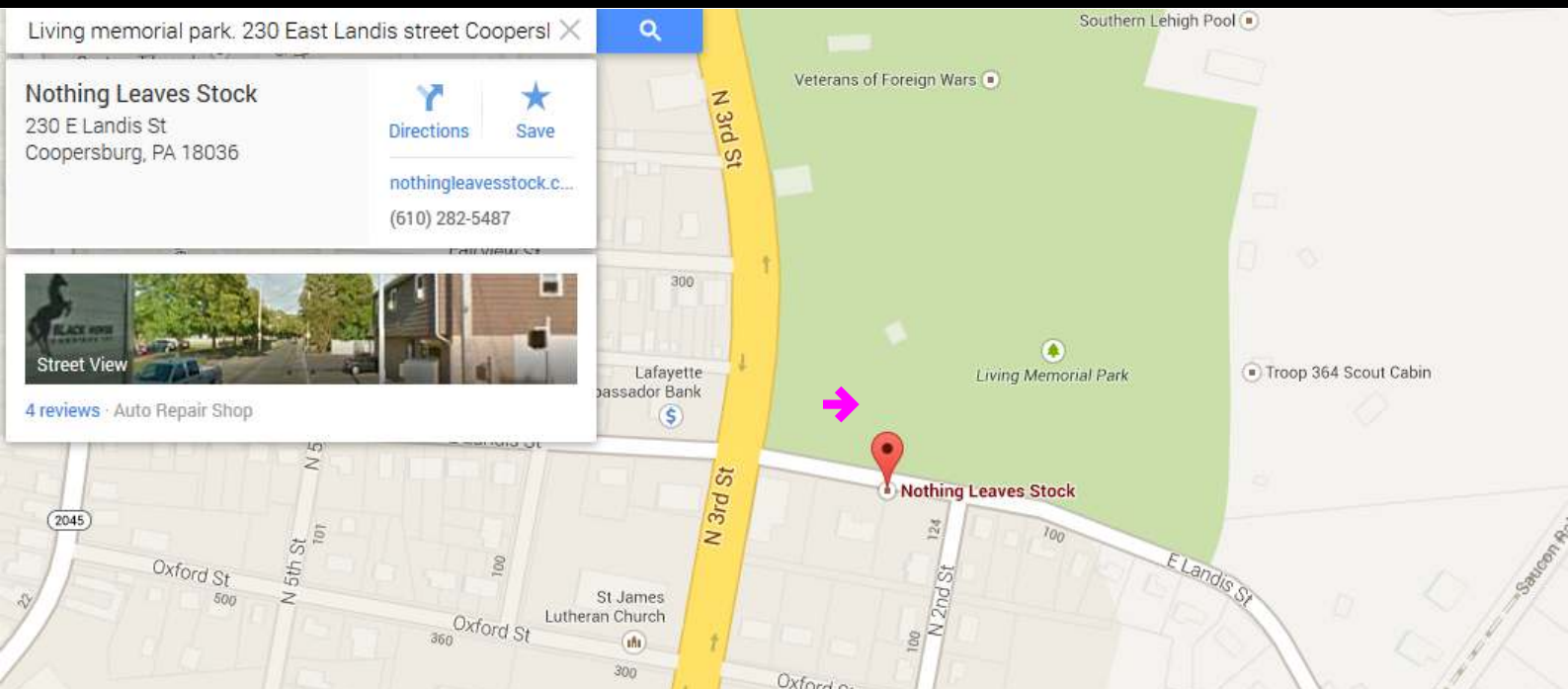
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# CULTCLASSIC

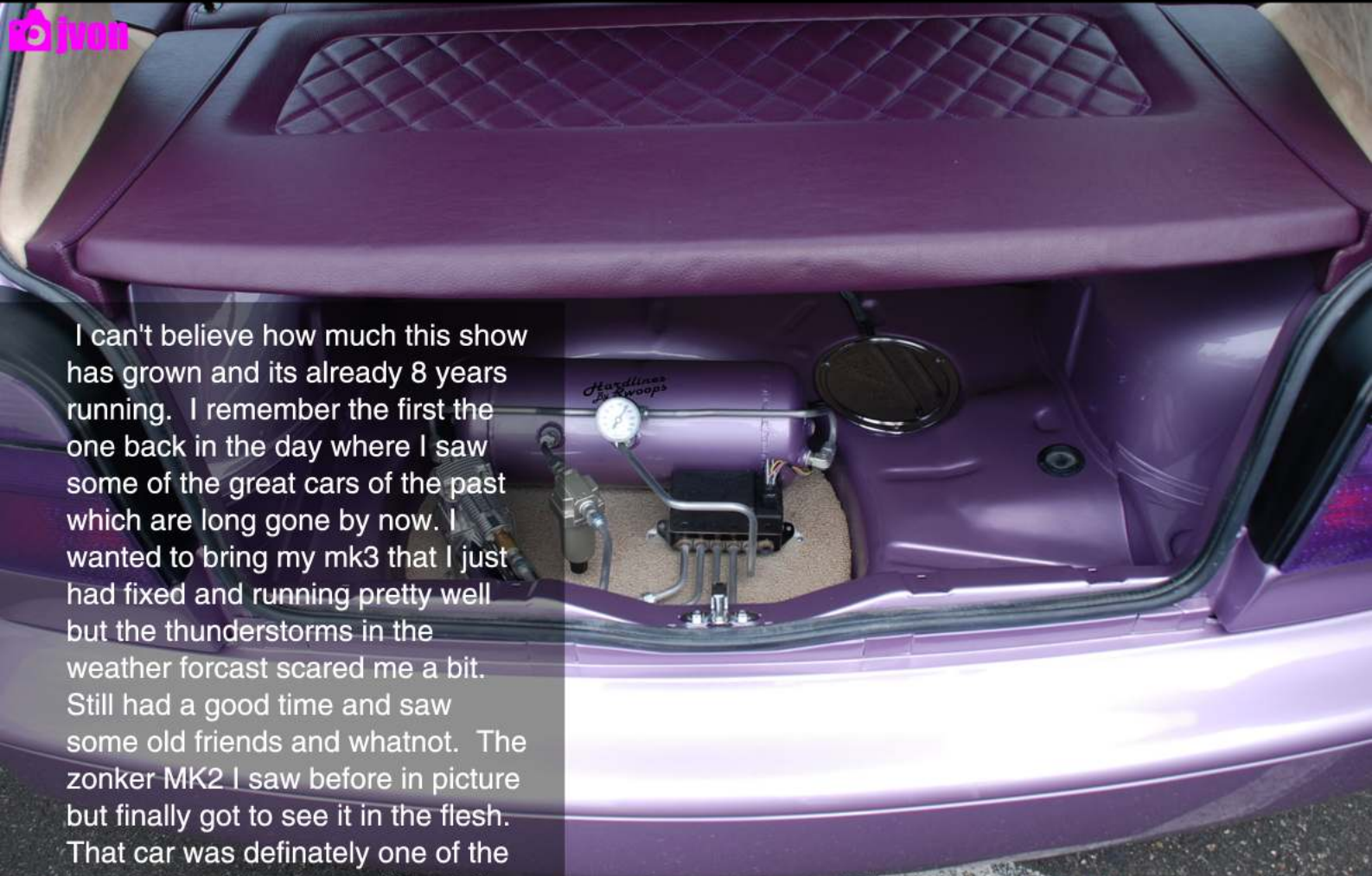


Having missed this show last year I definitely want to make an appearance this year. I also wanted to check out Euro Hangar which was the same weekend but on a Saturday. The cats at Orchid Euros made the trip to both shows but I didn't have the balls for all that driving. ➡



Cult Classic  
**8**  
Josh Paasha  
NOTHING LEAVES STOCK

I can't believe how much this show has grown and its already 8 years running. I remember the first the one back in the day where I saw some of the great cars of the past which are long gone by now. I wanted to bring my mk3 that I just had fixed and running pretty well but the thunderstorms in the weather forcast scared me a bit. Still had a good time and saw some old friends and whatnot. The zonker MK2 I saw before in picture but finally got to see it in the flesh. That car was definately one of the best ones of the show. 16v, turbo, syncro drivetrain, 5speed. I'll take all that please. Another car I haven't yet seen at shows this year was another MK3 that was done by Straightline Autowerks. This car was bright Green and done up in the 90s stylings similiar to Timbos purple MK3. →





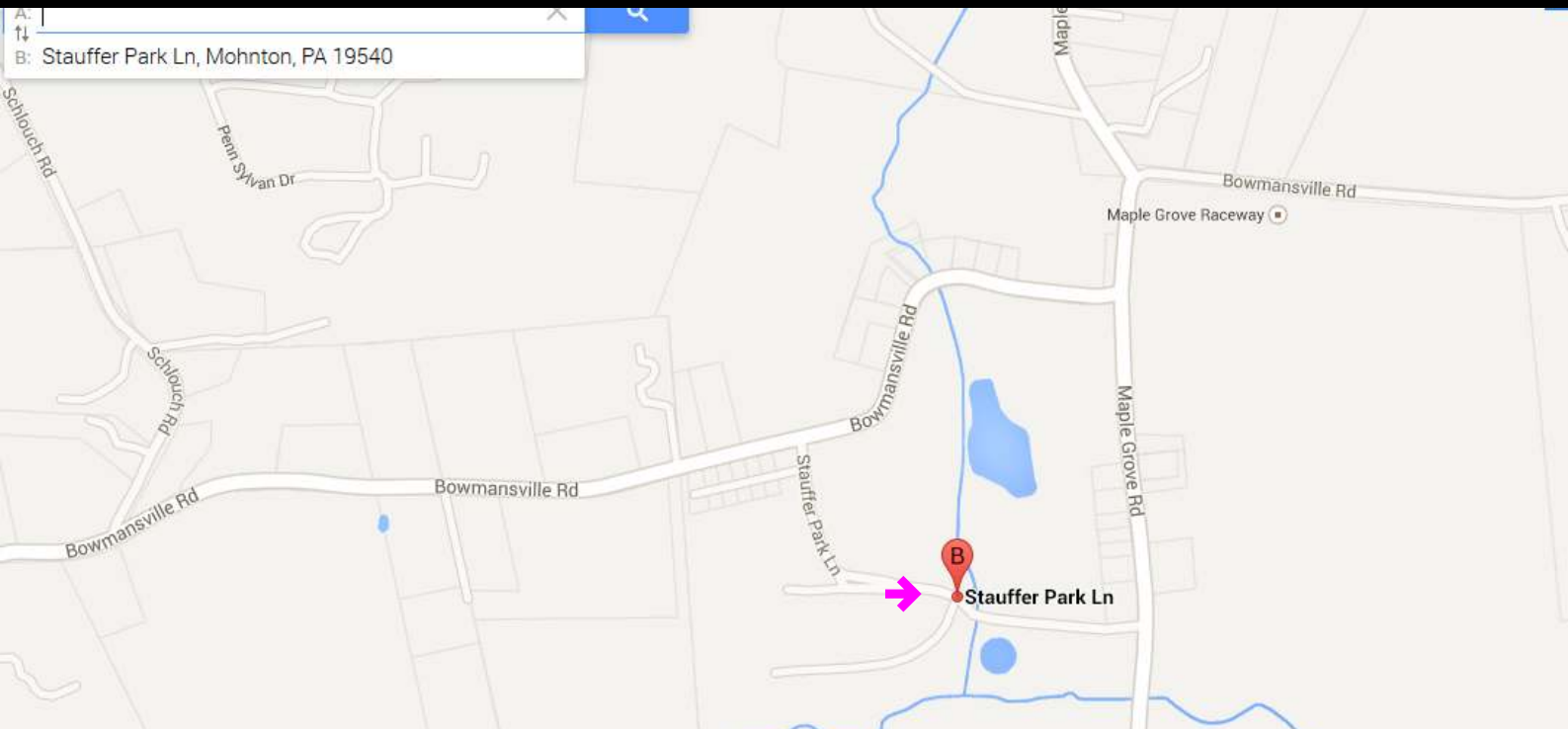
The weather actually held off and only rained a bit towards the end of the show for the ride home. All in all an awesome show once again. 🍀







# DUBNRUB



Dub N Rub is a Volkswagen and Audi Show & Shine held to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They are in the fifth year of this show and since they moved to a closer location this is a must for me every year. I even managed to get my mk3 there last year. This is a smaller sized show but for a good cause.

Chad's RHD mk3 was pretty much the show favorite for me. I saw it a few times before but didn't really look it over before. Shit is super clean and has a European 1.9 TDI motor swap. Also another favorite was Doug Wishard's RHD Corrado. 🚗

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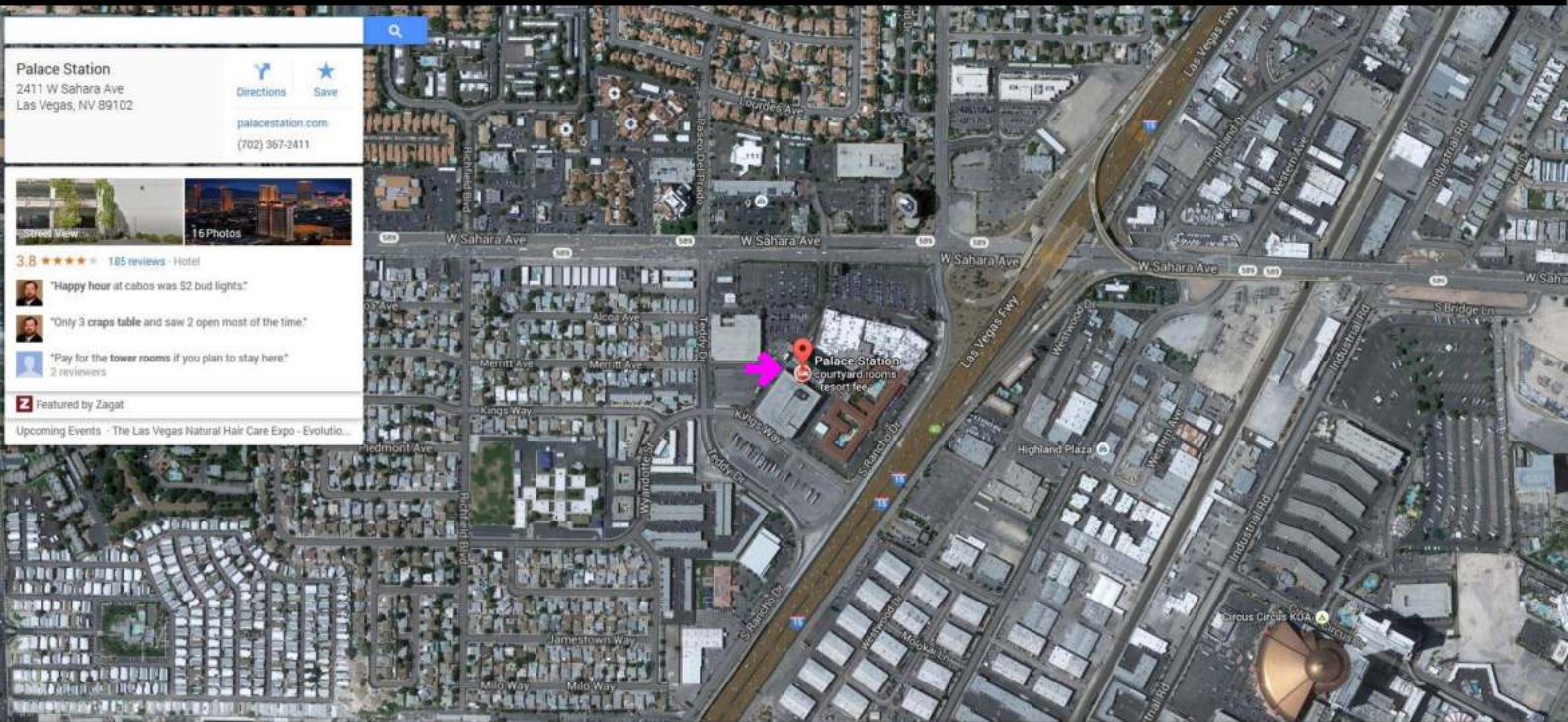
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# WASTE



I have never been to Vegas and always wanted to go to this show. Lack of funds kept me from going this year but my homey Ramon was able to go and snag some pictures. From what it looks like there was some pretty legit mk3's in attendance of this show. That ginster with all the ABT goodies in particular gave me a boner as well as the green jetta with old school parts. 🍆

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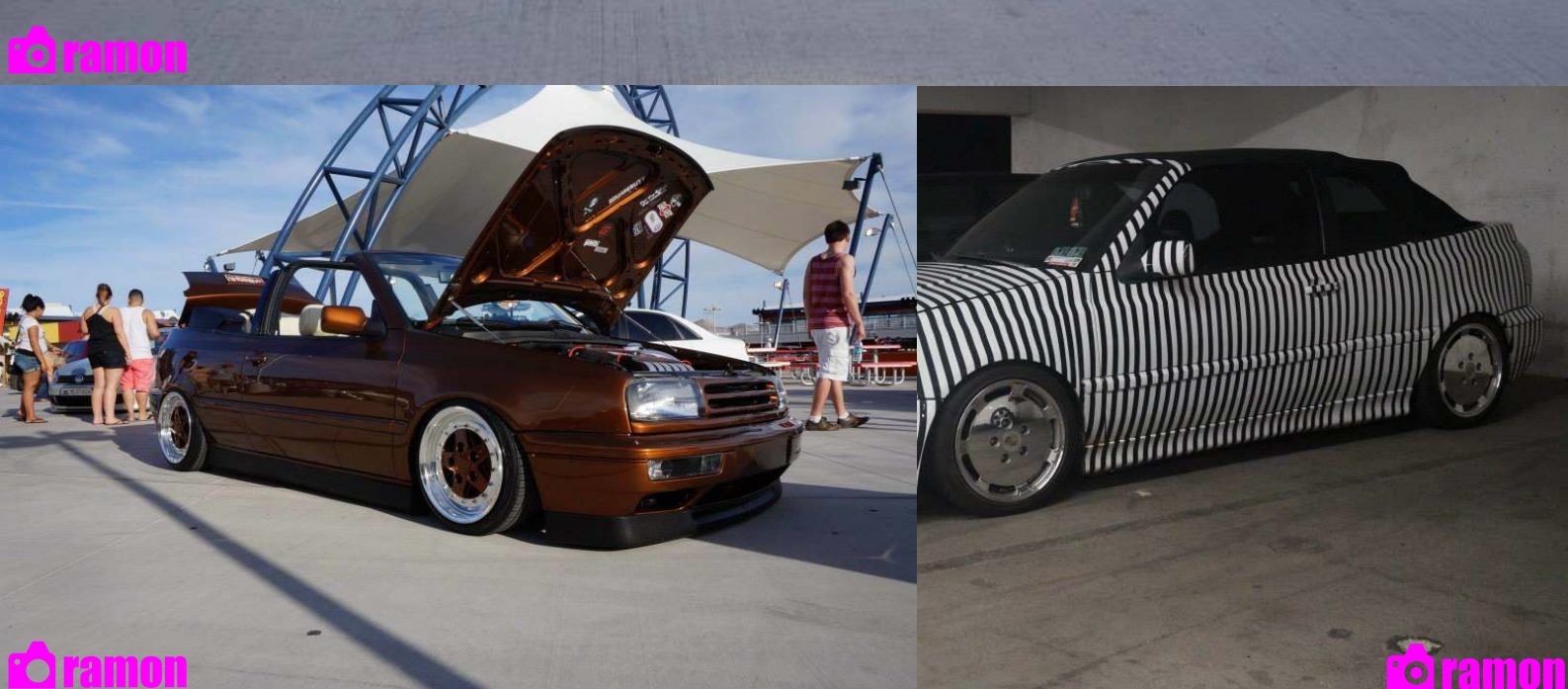
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