

TDI Fest 2001

**Park City, Utah
September 21-24, 2001**



Written by Jane, with assistance from Fred.

(If anything in here is wrong, it's probably Fred's fault!) ;-)

TDI Fest 2001 was held in Park City, Utah, USA on the weekend of September 21-24. People came from near and far to attend the Fest. A number of British Columbians and Albertans came down from Canada, and the United States was well-represented with members from Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Virginia, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. And we can't forget Sooty and his wife Sarah who made it all the way from Birmingham, England!

The TDI Fest 2001 planning team, headed up by long-time TDI Club member mickey, organized numerous events and festivities, most of which were centered around the Marriott in Park City (otherwise known as "the meeting place").



The Marriott in Park City, Utah.

Thursday, Sept. 20 and Friday, Sept. 21, 2001

On Thursday and Friday (September 20 and 21) TDI Club members began to arrive in Park City. People were busy checking in, chatting, meeting new faces and, of course, checking out the cars. VeeDubTDI and Car54 were a bit earlier than the rest of the gang (they arrived on Wednesday), and ended up paying mickey a bit of a "surprise" visit.



Car54 doing an oil change at the Tech Session.

At 4:30 p.m. on Friday, TDliers left the Marriott and headed for Cutrbus Motors Volkswagen (www.cutrbusvw.com) in Layton, Utah for a Tech Session. The folks at Cutrbus were kind enough to let they guys "take over" their shop. After the dirty work, everyone enjoyed some hot dogs and burger supplied by mickey and cooked by Fred and D-Lite.

Not everyone attended the Tech Session though. Some of the ladies took advantage of the free public transit in Park City and explored Main Street and Historic Park City. They even "did time" in the old territorial jail (as visitors, not inmates, of course.)

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001

On Saturday, the big event was the 130 MPH Club races at the Bonneville Salt Flats. This event got started bright and early as the five TDI Club racers left at 5:30 a.m., followed by three cars full of spectators that left at 7:00 a.m. "You had to be there," Diesel Dude said. "The TDI's did very well when you consider a 227 HP Subaru WRX turned 126 and an Audi S4 129. There were Corvettes and other high horsepower cars running no faster than what the TDI's were. That plume of black coming out the back had spectators really wondering what was going on. It was a great time, but does the salt ever reflect the sun. I think all the attendees were a little crisp after the day."

The results of the 130 MPH Club are as follows:

1. Reddiesel (A4 Jetta) - 117.8 mph
2. mickey (New Beetle) - 114 mph
3. norm (Golf) - 113 mph
4. Johnathan Bartlett (Passat) - 109 mph
4. Smart drive (Passat) - 109 mph

And we musn't leave out Bumblebug, the chipped 1.8T New Beetle, who only hit 109 mph!



Johnathan Bartlett and his trail of soot!

Saturday, Sept. 22 Continued

Those who didn't make it to the Salt Flats (not all of us are bright-eyed and bushy-tailed in the morning), met up for breakfast and hung out around the hotel. A small group went for a drive on the Alpine Loop Scenic Backway (State Road 92), a very narrow, winding scenic drive. The Loop, which is 24 miles in length, offered some spectacular views and beautiful scenery. Midway the group stopped at the Sundance Resort, Robert Redford's unique ski resort, year-round recreation area and arts community.

On Saturday evening everyone did their own thing. A few groups got together for dinner, and many people ended up looking at each others cars and comparing notes.

Later that night many people congregated in Garrett's room for a little TDI Club party.



Group shot on the Alpine Loop drive.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001



Johnathan Bartlett, ready to go at the Autocross.

On Sunday there were two main events to choose from: the Autocross and the Car Show.

The Autocross was a Utah Region Sports Car Club of America (SCCA, www.utahscca.com) event held at the 'E' Center in West Valley City, Utah. Jonathan Bartlett was the only TDI Club entrant, but two other TDIs were also at the event.

The results have not yet been posted on the SCCA site, but Johnathan guesses he placed 14th out of 23 in the stock class. Pretty good for his first autocross!

The Car Show, held in a parking lot beside the Marriott, started at 12:00 p.m. There were 19 cars on display (not everyone entered). The three judges were Sooty, VWDerf (Fred) and IrishchickyTDI. The awards for the Car Show (announced at the Banquet) were as follows:

Cleanest Car:

- #1 - Reddiesel, A4 Red Jetta
- #2 - Peter V, A4 Red Jetta
- #3 - dogbreath, A3 Green Jetta

Most Modifications:

- #1 - GassinGerhard, A4 Blue Golf
- #2 - valois, A4 Black Jetta
- #3 - corrado tdi, Red Corrado TDI

Best of Show:

- #1 - Okkaro & Barefoot, White NB
- #2 - Reddiesel, A4 Red Jetta
- #3 - 'BreakerBacker, Blue NB

People's Choice:

GassinGerhard, A4 Blue Golf

Also, drinks were sold at the Car Show by donation, and a total of \$45 was raised and donated to the Red Cross.



Lined up for the Car Show (above).

The three judges (l-r): Sooty, VWDerf (Fred) and IrishchickyTDI.



Sunday, Sept. 23 Continued

The banquet got started at approximately 5:00 p.m., and TDI Club members feasted on a wonderful hawaiian buffet.



A great view of the TDI Fest 2001 Banquet.

Following dinner, there was an awards ceremony and auction. The Salt Flat and Car Show awards were presented (see previous), as well as the following awards:

Recognition for Organizing the First TDI Fest - Rene Berube (valois)

Host for TDI Fest 2002 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

BUG*PWR Award - Pete Baranko (Drivbiwire)

Farthest Traveled - Sooty from Birmingham, England

Best Fuel Economy - Johnathan Bartlett (he counted the Salt Flat races and the Autocross and still managed to get the best fuel economy!)

The auction was a huge success thanks to numerous donations from Upsolute (www.upsolute.com), as well as donations from DieselGeek (www.dieselgeek.com), Implex Auto Parts (www.zstarr.com/impex/), karmann ghia, StealthTDI and mickey (sorry if we missed anyone!). Up for grabs were tuning boxes, Piper X filter, short shifter, Upsolute upgrade, stickers and more. The auction raised about \$1500, which went towards the costs of running the TDI Club Forums. That's a lot of cash for us Canadians - no wonder we took a trip to Vegas afterwards! (Just kidding)

After the banquet wrapped up, some people trickled back to Garrett's room for some more TDI Club party action. Yes, there was beer involved - but for the most part everyone chatted, reviewed the events of the weekend and enjoyed the last night of TDI Fest 2002.



Hanging out on the last night of TDI Fest 2001.

Monday, Sept. 24, 2001

Not much happened on Monday, as many had already left the day before. A small group did meet for breakfast in the hotel before departing. Later on, a few remaining attendees took a drive over some lovely mountain roads.

So that's it for TDI Fest 2001. A big thank you goes out to mickey and his Utah crew for organizing this event, as well as to pizzaman who designed and organized the production of the TDI Fest 2001 merchandise (including free TDI Fest 2001 vinyl die cut decals for all attendees).

Thanks to everyone that helped to make TDI Fest 2001 a great event!