

Winner's Corner



Randy's '92 240 wagon - a blue ribbon winner

Congratulations to Randy Bullock, founding Coastal Virginia Chapter member, and owner of an incredibly restored and enhanced 1992 240 wagon. Randy is owner/operator of Alcon Automotive, a Volvo service staple in the Tidewater area. His wagon started as a

father/son project, and turned into a blue ribbon "Best in Class" winner at this year's national VCOA meet in Hickory, North Carolina. Way to go, Randy!! Well-deserved.



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Quality Club Merchandise Now Available



The Coastal Virginia Chapter is proud to announce a new storefront available to all members through quality clothier Lands' End.

The entire Lands' End catalog is available to members - from jackets to sweaters. Even non-clothing items, such as laptop cases, pet items, and totebags. All of it can be beautifully embroidered with the club's new logo.

Show off your club pride! To access the new storefront, head over to:
<https://business.landsend.com/store/coastalva/>

Board Spotlight

Cole Brundage

When the Coastal Virginia Chapter was birthed, Cole Brundage graciously accepted the position of Secretary without hesitation. Cole is from Newport News, VA and resides there currently. He is employed at Ferguson Enterprises specializing in Corporate Security and Business Continuity. Cole received his Bachelor's in business administration from Roanoke College in 2014 and a MBA from William and Mary in 2019.



Cole and his wife Abby were married in May 2022 and are long-time Volvo owners. They have a stable full of Volvos, including a 2007 S60R (his) and 2007 XC90 (hers) getting them safely through their college years and many years since.

They purchased their first 2008 C70 hardtop convertible, and found sharing it a bit of a challenge. Acquiring a second afforded them a "his and hers" set which quickly fixed that problem.



Lastly, they have a 2007 S80 V8 which was acquired as a \$1,200 car to fix up and resell but they both enjoyed driving it so much that it has stayed around for nearly a year now.

Their "collection" of 5 Volvo Cars has covered about 550,000 miles in total. Cole does most maintenance and repairs at home, thanks to a strong mechanical education from his father, along with YouTube instructional videos.



Volvo has developed the world's first interior radar system for cars

Since 1999, nearly 900 children have perished as a result of being left locked in vehicles during summer and winter months. Volvo wants to fix that problem.

Volvo has developed a number of safety features over its many years in production, including the first 3-point safety restraint back in 1959. Now, Volvo is introducing an interior radar system to monitor the cabin and trunk to detect if a child or pet has been left inside.

The system will debut on its flagship SUV EX90 on November 9th using radar sensors placed throughout the inside of the vehicle.

Member Spotlight

Loren Sullivan

Here's a photo of our 2018 XC60 we bought through the Overseas Delivery program. We picked up our car from the factory in Gothenburg Sweden, and had an absolute blast touring around Scandinavia for two weeks. When I told my sister in California about our plans she without hesitation said "We want to do that too!" We both took delivery of our Mussel Blue XC60s the same day. Their car is a T8 hybrid, ours a T6 Inscription non-hybrid. The cars of course are common, but the blue is an OSD only color, which makes them pretty special here in the US.

Charlie and Becky Sullivan



My Volvo Journey

Chuck Fiedler

I used to be a Volkswagen bigot. We had five VWs and ended up taking a trip to Switzerland where we saw the new and beautiful VW Passat wagon. Upon our return home, I immediately called the dealer to order one. He told me they weren't available yet in the US. Pricing was also not available, but he stated he would let me know when pricing information was released.

He later called and said the car was not in yet but pricing information had become available He quoted the price. I said, "I can't spend that much on a car!," and immediately cancelled the order.

I did some research and found that Motor Trend's "Car of the Year" in January 1971 was the Chevrolet Vega. I ordered a Vega wagon - gray with a black center stripe. Eight months later it needed a new engine. That fall, Motor Trend published a report of premature engine failures in the Vega. Eight months later, it needed a third engine. I had had enough and wholesaled it off to the dealer.

A friend of mine at work had a two-year-old Volvo 145. His young family was growing and he needed a bigger car so he sold it to me. That was in 1973 and I never looked back – it's been nothing but Volvos ever since. In fact, we observed 50 years of happy Volvoing in March of this year. We've owned 544s, 140s, a 160, 240s, a 760, an 850 and our current XC-90, most bought used with 80-100K miles on them. We bought one new 245 in 1978 and drove it until it was totaled. Twice. It then became a parts donor for our other cars.

