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The 35th Wörthersee Meeting is on the starting grid!

Shortly before the GTI Meeting, Reifnitz am Wörthersee will be presenting interesting new features, such as a car photo spot on the water, a special tuning exhibition, and a very reasonably priced day ticket.

There's no question: This is the place to come for all car enthusiasts and everyone who's into tuning, as we celebrate an anniversary, a birthday and a fantastic car festival from 4th – 7th May.

Anniversary special: the new photo and presentation platform for the best looking cars – directly next to Lake Wörthersee

As a highlight for participants, this year there will be a very special photo and presentation spot directly on the shores of the lake (opposite the old Marietta grounds). A platform measuring 10 m x 7.5 m, half of which lies on the lake, serves as an exhibition area for the cars. Lake Wörthersee itself serves as a sparkling background for the cars and the photos will be sent directly to the GTI world via the webcam that has been installed there. Selfies and other personal photos of the impressive scenery can, of course, also be taken.

New entry prices are now set – the day ticket is now a real bargain!

New this year – the day tickets are simpler and cheaper for all visitors who want to drive into the village by car. For a car carrying up to 4 people, the new day ticket will cost €30. In recent years, entry for the car alone was €35 and each person had to pay an additional €6. So the new day ticket for 4 people in a car is now €29 cheaper than last year.

The 4-day participant package which includes entry for one car, 4 day tickets for 2 people, and a special gift still costs €50. It can be purchased at all sales and entry points. Day visitors who arrive without a car still pay €6 for their ticket – children under 12 go free.

More parking spaces for presentation and/or viewing

The large area at the Strandbad (lido) car park is a perfect place to drive past, drive around, or to park and show off your car. The area also has a small but ideal presentation area for car tuners, where they can present their best tuned cars.

Tuning scene evolving from 35 years of GTI Meetings

Some of the companies that were already well-known for their superb tunings in the 1980s will be back to

take part in a special exhibition this year. Talks have been held with several well-known names, and KAMEI, ABT and OETTINGER have already accepted our invitation. Fans will love it! Of course, private owners who own a Golf GTI I or other exciting rebuilt models, for example, can also register at the municipal office.

“Back to the roots” with the new motorcade for the Golf I

Reifnitz also wants to celebrate the Golf GTI I's 40th birthday with a special “gift” and is inviting all drivers of a Golf I on a special tour. A circuit around the lake has already been planned, with stop-offs in select stations in Klagenfurt, Pörschach and Velden as well as a one-way street parade in Reifnitz with the finish on the peninsula of Maria Wörth. Well-known personalities will accompany the motorcade.

Quicker drive to Reifnitz, more parking close by and a better, cheaper shuttle bus system

We have listened carefully to feedback about entry controls, and this year it should be a lot quicker and easier. The new day ticket with a set price per car will mean much shorter controls and quicker sales, and the checkpoints will be much closer to Reifnitz: coming from Velden control points will be 3 km closer to Reifnitz and the control points coming from the direction of Keutschach will be directly in Reifnitz. There will also be new parking areas from which visitors can walk approx. 1 km to the GTI area, or use the shuttle bus. This year, this will cost €2.50 per visitor per ride.

A new look – new asphalt, new VW stand, new programme on the main stage

Only the VW project managers know exactly what the new 2016 VW stand will look like. A lot more space for the visitors and their cars, as well as a lounge area for chilling out in, are planned and construction work has already begun. Via the newly installed webcam you can watch the stand slowly but surely taking shape at <http://mariawoerth.itwms.com/wmspanoviewer.php>. Behind the burnout park (known here as Gummiplatz), new asphalt has been laid and the park itself and the stages are also already being set up. The programme for the main stage is more diverse than ever before, so there will be something for everyone. Among others, there will be stunning tuned vehicles, Fun Cup Race Beetle Show, “Summer Splash” DJ Chris Armada, percussion artists Red Attack, the Funk-Ska-Punk band “Das Kartoffel”, Sexy Car Wash, and amazing freestyle stunt riding.

Folk festival on Saturday – a Carinthian-Bavarian celebration!

“Car meets traditional costumes” is the motto on the last event day. And everyone who comes to Reifnitz on Saturday 7th May dressed in lederhosen or a dirndl gets free entry. With inimitable Carinthian-Bavarian charm, it will be a mixture of tradition and party, not only with local traditional bands and the rural youth association, but also with DJ Power to give the last day a suitable send-off.

“Every guest is welcome here”, as Maria Wörth’s mayor Markus Perdacher emphasises. And just looking at Reifnitz and seeing the hard work that everyone involved puts in, there is no doubt: this is where the Wörthersee Meeting belongs.

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Reifnitz is “tuning” the village so that everything is ready on time: preparation of the Gummiplatz (burnout park) and new asphalt behind it.





The swimming Golf I was **the** sensation at the GTI Meeting in 1988. In 2016 it will unfortunately not be on the Retro Motorcade, but many other Golf Is will be.



This year's cool participation gift: a high quality black rucksack.



Everyone is welcome here: regular GTIs just as much as the extravagantly tuned ones. Anyone looking for special tuning parts can find them at the special tuning exhibition or at the car market.