

From: Dietz, Sidney
Sent: 10/1/2013 4:42:07 PM
To: 'Campbell, Michael' (Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov)
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Dude, I really do think less is more, and that you could end up feeling very rich without the car. But of course, I know what you mean. I could get rid of my caprice in a heartbeat, but I always think – what else makes me look that cool, and am I so pained by the insurance check I write? A man has a chariot, etc. The funny thing is that a smaller, more appropriate car would cost thousands. Anyway... hmmm. Maybe AO keeps her car, and you get a really old or low-end Sienna for weekend adventure? It seems like the challenge is the double-duty thing – nice enough/powerful enough for AO, big enough to haul bikes. It's really a small sweet spot.

From: Campbell, Michael [mailto:Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Dietz, Sidney
Subject: RE: zip

Interesting. Gotta do some research.

As much as my minimal side loves the idea of ditching a car, there's a side that says: "F it, I'm rich, bitch!" ... which would lead to us having \$40K of depreciating steel and plastic squatting in our driveway.

Nothing beats having mom and kids on the side of the road for pathos. No surprise Toyota makes best-seller lists each year.

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From: Dietz, Sidney [mailto:SBD4@pge.com]
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I gotta mention to you that the 2011 Jetta is one of the most hated cars among enthusiasts. My car buddy Jack, who actually likes VW, hates it, and his pov is probably captured by TTAC:

<http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com/2010/08/review-2011-volkswagen-jetta/>

<http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com/2011/02/review-2011-volkswagen-jetta-se/>

<http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com/2011/07/what-does-the-jetta-sales-success-say-about-automotive-journalism/>

Jack ended up with the four-door Golf, which he likes, although he says its rear seat is not up to the challenge of a rear-facing baby seat with tall front seaters. By the way, Jack makes fun of me for the Toyota, because he thinks it represents reliability fetishism. My answer to that is unbeatable, of course – I let R get stranded four or five times by the Saab.

From: Campbell, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov>]
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If we go for gas mileage, we'll go with a euro diesel.

Actually, I'd like an all electric car in the next few years for around town. I really like the ford option. Volt is nice, but a little big.

From: Dietz, Sidney [<mailto:SBD4@pge.com>]
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Doesn't serve Rose Garden very well, but I can see why it works for Greg – he's four blocks from Ashby BART where they have four zips.

Anyway, what do you guys think of the Prius/Prius V? Too gutless?

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